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Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 9--18--61 6--28PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

*Freedom Riders - miscellaneous*

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264 2P

FREEBUS. FR [redacted] TRIED AND CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, MISS., SEPT. EIGHTEEN. SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. CONFINED TO JAIL AFTER TRIAL IN LIEU OF BOND. FOLLOWING FRS ENTERED NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, SEPT. EIGHTEEN THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY. NONE WERE PRESENT IN COURT - [redacted]

[redacted] STOKLEY CARMICHAEL, [redacted]

[redacted] ALL WERE SENTENCED FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL, SUSPENDED, AND FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. FINED PAID BY ATTORNEY. [redacted]

[redacted] WHOSE BOND HAD BEEN ORDERED FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, AUG. FOURTEEN AND SEPT. ELEVEN LAST APPEARED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT TODAY. BOND FORFEITURE WITHDRAWN AND SHE ENTERED NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA. WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL SUSPENDED AND FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. WAS RELEASED ON PAYMENT OF FINE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, END (PAGE ONE) 155

cc [redacted]

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SEPT. EIGHTEEN - NO FR ARRESTED AT JACKSON SINCE SEPT. SEVENTEEN  
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BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT FOUR. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU  
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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/19/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961  
RM; CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/21/61, at New Orleans.

Rerep set forth the identity of 8 Freedom Riders, who arrived in Jackson, Mississippi via Trailways Bus, on 7/9/61, and were arrested by the Jackson PD at the Trailways Terminal when they failed to move on.

Included among these Freedom Riders were the following:

ALA  
MISS  
[Redacted] NYC N.Y.  
[Redacted] Brooklyn, NY  
[Redacted] Brooklyn, NY  
[Redacted] NYC N.Y.

NYO conducted the following investigation concerning the above listed individuals, but no additional identifiable information was developed.

NYO indices were reviewed on 8/29/61.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were reviewed by IC [Redacted] on 8/31/61.

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- 1 - New York (157-391) (RM)

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On 9/8/61, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYC Police Department, to be searched.

In view of the above, no letterhead memorandum will be submitted.

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TO : Director, FBI (~~100-225892~~)

DATE: Sept. 19, 1961

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-85)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

*0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

Re Memphis letter to Director, August 23, 1961, setting out telephone numbers called in various states from the headquarters of NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (NCLC) and STUDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BYRON E. McFALL on September 1, 1961:

A check of appropriate City Directories and indices reflected the following information concerning telephone numbers called in the Birmingham Division:

Phone No.	Address and City	Listing
	Birmingham, Alabama	(Office) and Bethel Baptist Church
	Birmingham, Alabama	Residence of
	Birmingham, Alabama	City Jail, Birmingham
	Birmingham, Alabama	

Indices reflect no record of [redacted] but [redacted] is known to the Bureau as the [redacted] of the Bethel Baptist Church, 3193 - 29th Avenue North, a [redacted] of ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. He is a former resident of Birmingham, but now resides at [redacted] Cincinnati 29, Ohio.

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- 1 - Memphis (157-140) (Info)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/18/61

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-33)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961  
RM; CR  
(OO New Orleans)

Rerep SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, 7/26/61, at New Orleans.

Rerep instructed that appropriate offices check indices, credit and criminal records at place of residence of varied Freedom Riders; one of which was [redacted] Rochester, N.Y.

Enclosed are eight copies for the Bureau, and one copy for New Orleans of Letterhead Memorandum pertaining to [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo 2, New York

September 18, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961.

The June 22, 1961 Rochester Times Union (City wide newspaper), carried an article "Young Man Accepted As Freedom Rider" which reflects Gordon L. Harris, 147 Summit Drive, Rochester, New York, was the first Rochester resident to be accepted for a mission as a Freedom Rider and was scheduled to leave that day. His acceptance came from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). *L.H., 10055.*

The article read that Harris would first go to New York City for briefing; then to New Orleans, and from there to participate in a Freedom Ride into Jackson, Mississippi.

The article mentioned that Harris is a pacifist by conviction and believes in non-violent methods of achieving racial equality. He stated he was prepared for any eventuality in the South, even a long jail sentence.

Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised on June 25, 1961, that twenty Freedom Riders were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, in Jackson, at 10:15 AM, June 25, 1961. He said the entire group had walked into the white waiting room and had refused to obey the orders of Captain [redacted] to move on. Captain [redacted] was the arresting officer and the entire group was charged with Breach of the Peace. There were no incidents in connection with the arrest, according to Chief Pierce.

Pierce said one of those arrested was [redacted] Rochester, New York, who was born [redacted] South Carolina. [redacted] indicated his occupation as a student at the University of Rochester; his marital status as [redacted] and his parents as [redacted]

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961

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Chief Pierce on June 26, 1961, said [redacted] along with other Freedom Riders, was tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, June 26, 1961, for violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of guilty through their attorney.

All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.00.

On July 3, 1961, Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoxy, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] with other convicted Freedom Riders, were transferred to the Mississippi State Prison, Parchman, Mississippi, July 3, 1961.

The August 7, 1961 edition of the Rochester Times Union reflects Gordon E. Harris, after serving 42 days of his four month sentence, was released from the State Penitentiary in Mississippi.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Rochester, Inc., on September 14, 1961, did not locate a record identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] Identification Division, Rochester Police Department, on September 14, 1961, said [redacted] and formerly of [redacted] and who was born [redacted] South Carolina, was arrested in Rochester, July 21, 1961, for [redacted] and March 14, 1957 for [redacted] said the [redacted] charge stemmed out of an arrest at 1:05 AM, at which time [redacted] was suspected of [redacted] in the middle of a parking lot at 575 Monroe Avenue in Rochester. [redacted] at the time, did not give a satisfactory explanation for deposit notation in a bank book in his possession and the fact that he was unemployed. The warrant was withdrawn and dismissed.

Captain [redacted] Rochester Police Department, on August 25, 1961, said that in connection with the arrest of [redacted] on March 14, 1957, [redacted] in the early hours of that day, was observed marching around a parking lot

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961

on Monroe Avenue and [redacted] When asked what he was doing, he merely questioned as to what law he was breaking. When Captain [redacted] replied that it was odd that a person would be marching around at that time of the day [redacted] gave no reply. [redacted] said that inasmuch as no fires had been started in the area and because there was no explanation for [redacted] actions, he had no alternative other than to withdraw the complaint and recommend to the parents that [redacted] have a mental examination. [redacted] explained that [redacted] bank book contained notations of deposits, although unemployed, because of the fact that [redacted] parents did not live in harmony with him and therefore, at their suggestion, paid him a weekly amount to live elsewhere.

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SAC, New Orleans (157-264) —

September 21, 1961

Director, FBI (157-373)

FREEBUS

Reference is made to your letter dated September 11, 1961, transmitting negatives pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints have been made. The prints and negatives are being forwarded to your office under separate cover, via railway express.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)  
(ATTN: MECHANICAL SECTION)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

DATE: 9/11/61

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*OF FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available 300 negatives of individuals arrested by the Jackson Police Department in connection with Freedom Rider activities. These negatives are to be returned to the Jackson Police Department.

The 300 negatives are being transmitted to the Bureau under separate cover. It is requested that the Bureau make ten copies, contact size, of each negative and return the prints and the negatives to the New Orleans Office. It would be appreciated if this could be given prompt handling so as not to deprive the Jackson Police Department of the use of these negatives for an undue period of time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435446) <sup>157-373</sup>

DATE: 9/12/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

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Re Houston airtel to Director 8/25/61.

The indices of the San Francisco Office are negative  
concerning [redacted] *Carroll*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032) \* \*

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B) A

RE: FREEBUS  
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*FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*

Re New Orleans airtel 9/6/61.

Following are cumulative costs incurred in this case  
in New Orleans Division as of close of business 9/9/61:

	<u>Regular hours</u>	<u>Overtime hours</u>
Agents	1149	631
Clerical	847	24

Miles driven: 5,611

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FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-130)FREE BUS,  
KNOXVILLE DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS*Freedom Riders - M.C.*  
Re Knoxville Teletype to Bureau 9/14/61.Submitted herewith is ~~one~~ copy of each of the following newspaper articles which appeared in daily publication Chattanooga, Tennessee:

1. CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS, 9/14/61, entitled, "7 Episcopal Clergymen Plan Mixing Test at Sewanee Inn".
2. CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS, 9/15/61, entitled, "2 Episcopal Priests Denounce Pilgrims".

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# 7 Episcopal Clergymen Plan Mixing Test at Sewanee Inn



**PRAYER PILGRIMS ARRIVE**—Shown above, as they left an airplane at Lovell Field, are six of the seven Episcopal priests who are making a "prayer pilgrimage" in behalf of racial integration. The Negro clergyman in the picture is the Rev. Robert Chapman of Hempstead, N.Y. The group left immediately for the University of the South, an Episcopal institution, at Sewanee, Tenn.—(Staff photo by George Moody.)

Seven Episcopal clergymen, six white and one Negro, who are engaged in a "prayer pilgrimage" against segregation, arrived at the Chattanooga Municipal Airport at 9:39 a.m. today and planned immediate departure for the University of the South at Sewanee, an Episcopal institution, where they said they would try to eat at the Sewanee Inn.

The seven who came here left 15 of their group in jail at Jackson, Miss., where they were arrested yesterday for trying to integrate a bus terminal. Among them was Rev. Robert L. Pierson of Evanston, Ill., son-in-law of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

Those arriving here were identified as Father Layton Zimmer, rector of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Pa.; the Rev. Robert Fortna, student at the Union Theological Seminary, New York; the Rev. Robert Chapman, Negro, rector of St. John's Church, Hempstead, N.Y.; the Rev. Morris Samuel, Long Beach, Calif.; the Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Detroit; Rev. Robert Hampshire of Farmingdale, N.Y.; and the Rev. Joseph Dickson, Detroit.

Father Zimmer, who acted as spokesman for the group, said he was among a group of some 50 students who transferred from the Sewanee seminary in 1953 in

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Chattanooga News-  
Free Press  
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# SEWANEE INN MIX TARGET

## 7 Priests Arrive Here En Route

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protests over the university's racial policies.

"We hope to give thanks in the seminary chapel (at Sewanee) and in the school chapel for the beginnings of desegregation that have been made," Father Zimmer said.

"We plan to go to the Sewanee Inn for lunch.

"We will accept Dr. McCrady's (Dr. Edward McCrady, vice chancellor of the univer-

### PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)

The Rt. Rev. John Seville Higgins, D.D., Episcopal bishop of Rhode Island, wired \$500 bail to one of his priests, who was among 15 clergymen arrested in an anti-segregation protest in Jackson, Miss. The priest is the Rev. Canon John Crocker Jr., 37, chaplain of Episcopal students on college campuses in Providence.

city) invitation to sleep in the gymnasium. We had asked for rooms, but the school is full."

Mrs. Clara Shoemate, who operates Sewanee Inn and Claramont Restaurant under a lease from the University of the South, said in an interview before the arrival of the racially integrated group that she would not allow them to enter the restaurant.

Mrs. Shoemate has a lease on the modernistic stone building for five years. The restaurant is on the campus of the University of the South, but the school has no voice as to whom will be served.

### PLAN SIT-INS

"They have been planning sit-ins at Highlander Folk School and are planning them right now for this restaurant," Mrs. Shoemate said.

"We have had two clergymen in the graduate school to try to bring in two Negro men this past August," she added. This group was not admitted for service, she said.

"The whole thing is ridiculous. We have been expecting this for a number of weeks. It took in this group, Highlander Folk School would move in on us. They tried

to do that at Claramont" (the former restaurant at Monteagle operated by Mrs. Shoemate) 10 years ago, the diminutive restaurant operator said.

Mrs. Shoemate said that she has been in business 32 years, and that Myles Horton, head of Highlander Folk School, has been trying to integrate her restaurants for most of this time.

This restaurant has a capacity of 200 persons.

Mrs. Shoemate said she had decided she would not allow the racially mixed clergymen to enter the building, but would stop them at the front door before they could enter the lobby of the inn and the restaurant. A main dining room is beyond the lobby of the inn.

A ladies' group was scheduled to have lunch in the main dining room today. It was feared that should the integrated ministers' group enter the restaurant they would seat themselves and refuse to leave upon request.

### GROUP MET

The seven Episcopal priests who arrived by Delta Airlines this morning from Atlanta and Jackson, Miss., were met by a group of Negro ministers at the Lovell Field airport.

In this group was Father Robert Hunter, rector of the St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Chattanooga. He was the Negro minister struck in the face during an altercation at a stand-in demonstration at the Tivoli Theater a number of months ago. Dr. Major Jones, Stanley Methodist Church, Chattanooga, who is active in racial matters in Chattanooga, also was present. The Rev. Horace Tyler, a Negro minister who described himself as "inactive," was the third member of the welcoming delegation. The fourth and final member of the group on hand to greet the visitors was Father James Woodruff, rector of St. Anselm's Chapel, Nashville.

After the visiting clergy disembarked from the plane, their baggage was loaded into an automobile and a station wagon and driven away by the welcoming committee.

The Rev. Zimmer said the length of the group's visit to the University of the South had not been determined. He said if they were unable to integrate Sewanee Inn they might remain on the mountain for a longer period of time than they otherwise would

have. However, he refused to give any estimate as to when the group would depart.

"This place is too large and has too much overhead to be supported by the university alone," she pointed out. "We have to depend on people who come in over a big area, and who have done this for years. We have state meetings of groups, and we have large groups from such places as Nashville, Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Tullahoma and many others. The people don't realize from what a large area we must draw our customers."

The group left the local airport in a station wagon and another automobile that had been provided for them.

### JACKSON ARRESTS

The 15 clergymen held in Jackson, Miss., including Gov. Rockefeller's son-in-law, were arrested, the Associated Press reported, after they refused to obey a policeman's order to move on.

Police Capt. J. L. Ray, who has handled most of the more than 200 "freedom rider" arrests in the Mississippi capital city was summoned. He ordered the arrest of the priests on breach of peace charges after they again refused to move on.

Their trial was set for 3 p.m. today.

The 15 were participating in a prayer pilgrimage which left New Orleans Tuesday and proceeded without incident until they reached Jackson. Twenty-three white and five Negro Episcopal priests started the pilgrimage.

It was the first arrest for Pierson, 35, of New York City and Evanston, Ill. His wife is Ann Rockefeller, one of the New York governor's five children.

After a meal in jail of cornbread, peas and meat, the minister said that police had been polite and that the treatment was satisfactory.

He said he had no plans to get out of jail but hoped that "churches around the nation will be concerned enough to come to our help."

The New York governor, asked if he planned to intercede, replied: "I know he (Pierson) wouldn't expect any special treatment or want it."

Some of the other ministers telegraphed a protest over the arrests to Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy.

In view of your request to American clergy to exercise leadership in these areas," the telegram said, "we urge you immediately resolve problems of interstate travel for Americans."

### HEAD FOR CONVENTION

The ministers, who had spent Monday night at a Negro YMCA in New Orleans, traveled by chartered bus to Jackson where they stayed overnight at nearby Tougaloo Southern Christian College, a Negro school.

From Jackson, they had planned to continue by scheduled commercial lines to the 60th general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church opening in Detroit Sept. 17.

Those arrested had tickets for Chattanooga, Tenn., where they had planned to visit the church's

University of the South at near-by Sewanee.

### OTHERS IN GROUP

In addition to Pierson, the ministers arrested are:

- James Pleasant Breeden, 26, Boston, Mass.
- John Marvin Evans, 36, All Saints church, Toledo, Ohio.
- Quinland Reeves Gordon, 44, Washington, D.C.
- Gilbert S. Avery III, 30, St. John's Episcopal church, Roxbury, Mass.
- Myron B. Bloy Jr., 35, chaplain at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.
- John Crocker Jr., 37, Providence, R.I.
- James Walker Evans, 31, St. James church, St. Clair, Mo.
- James Garrard Jones, 34, Chicago.
- John Burnett Morris, 31, Atlanta, Ga.
- Merrill Orne Young, 31, Boston, Mass.
- Geoffrey Sedgewich Simpson, 29, South Pawauke, Wis.
- Robert P. Taylor, 29, Leonard's House, Chicago.
- William Andrew Wendt, 41, Washington, D.C.
- Vernon P. Woodward, 27, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## 2 Episcopal Priests Denounce "Pilgrims".

### Signal Mt. Rector Hits 'Mix' Tactics

By T. GRADY GALLANT

News-Free Press Staff Writer

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Two Episcopal priests attending a clergy conference at Dubose Center near here have denounced methods of a biracial group of "prayer pilgrims," who have vowed to demonstrate at a Sewanee restaurant as creating "un-Christian confusion."

The Rev. Alan McMillan, Episcopal chaplain at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the Rev. William T. Holt Jr., rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Signal Mountain, Tenn., were both highly critical of a seven-man delegation that appeared here about noon yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., and Jackson, Miss.

The "pilgrims"—all Episcopal clergymen—arrived at Chattanooga's Lovell Field yesterday morning and motored to Monteagle, then to Sewanee.

At Monteagle, they stopped at Dubose Conference Center, where they were welcomed and invited to lunch with a racially integrated meeting of Episcopal clergy. They refused. They were then invited to dine with Dr. Edward McCrady, vice chancellor of the University of the South, and his family. They refused. They were asked to have lunch at the dining hall of the university, and they refused.

The Rev. Layton Zimmer, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Swarthmore, Pa., who said he was spokesman of the "pilgrims," had stated in Chattanooga he and his companions planned to eat at Claramont Restaurant at the Sewanee Inn. This is a public facility owned by the University of the South and Episcopal institutions, but leased to Mrs. Clara Sheemall. Mrs. Shoemate stated she would not allow the group to enter as racially mixed groups are not served.

### WON'T INTERFERE

Dr. McCrady said he met with the "pilgrims" last night, and the group decided after this meeting not to "interfere" and there would "be no further demonstrations."

He said one of the "pilgrims" left yesterday, two more were leaving this morning, and the remaining four would visit during the day and leave tomorrow.

The Rev. Malcolm Boyd of Detroit denied this morning the group had eaten at a university dining hall last night.

"We have been fasting, continuing since we arrived here," he said.

"This group (the pilgrims) is trying to make Clara a scapegoat. They were invited to eat with us."

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and they said they had to go on," Father Holt said.

The Rev. McMillan agreed, and remarked:

"They sent advance notice they were coming and said this would be a normal trip. If they refused invitations to eat with integrated groups, they are doing nothing but perpetrating a situation."

"Our objection is this is not being done decently and in order. The University of the South is already officially integrated."

"I think this is not a normal testing of either the University of the South policy or the policies of the diocese of Tennessee, or public bus facilities. In coming here (Sewanee Inn and Claramont Restaurant) they could not be normal passengers needing a meal."

Father Holt said:

"We are in favor of Christians acting as Christians in the church. We are angered by people deliberately creating a situation that doesn't aid the situation (integration) as far as we can see."

Both clergymen noted that Mrs. Shoemate had in the past been in charge of the dining facilities of Dubose Center. During that period she served both white and Negro diners without objection.

Mrs. Shoemate said Highlander Folk School has tried to give trouble at restaurants she has operated on the mountain and made efforts to integrate them.

Highlander has had its charter revoked for violation of the criminal laws of Tennessee and terms of its tax-exempt charter. However, it is still in operation pending an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It was the opinion of a number of persons that the "pilgrims" did not appear at the restaurant as they said they planned to do because they had found it necessary to refuse the numerous invitations they had received to dine with integrated groups at Sewanee and Monteagle.

### MEET WITH BISHOP

Father Holt pointed out he had been priest in charge of a Negro church for 7½ years and had helped get that church a full-time Negro priest.

He said both he and the Rev. Mr. McMillan had worked actively to assist in the integration of the University of Tennessee.

The "pilgrims" met with the Rev. John Vander Horst, bishop of Tennessee at Dubose during the afternoon. At mid-afternoon, they were at All Saint's Chapel on the campus of the university.

They had been offered beds in the school gymnasium, and the Rev. Mr. Zimmer had said they would sleep there. He left suddenly yesterday for Jackson, Miss., where trials of 15 other "pilgrims" were scheduled for late this afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Zimmer was among the group of seminary students who left Sewanee as a protest against racial policies in 1953.

The university has no authority in the normal operation of Sewanee Inn and Claramont Restaurant.

Other members of the pilgrim group included the Rev. Robert Fortna, Union Theological Seminary student, New York City; the Rev. Robert Chapman, a Negro, St. John's Church, Hempstead, N.Y.; the Rev. Mr. Samuels, Long Beach, Calif.; the Rev. Robert Hampshire, Farmingdale, N.Y.; and the Rev. Joseph Dickson, Detroit, Mich.

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ENCLOSURE

By Associated Press

Praise and censure came today from Episcopal bishops for the desegregation attempt by 15 Episcopal ministers facing trial on breach of peace charges at Jackson, Miss.

The Rev. Robert L. Pierson of Evanston, Ill., and New York City, son-in-law of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, was one of the 12 white and three Negro clergymen arrested Wednesday for trying to desegregate a Jackson bus terminal. Their trial was set for 3 p.m. today.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. Lightenberger of Detroit, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., praised the action of the 15 clergymen. He said they were "attempting to bear witness to their Christian convictions about racial matters and to make it evident to the whole country that the position of the Episcopal Church is."

Bishop Wilburn Campbell of Charleston, W. Va., head of the Episcopal diocese of West Virginia, said the "prayer pilgrimage" "deliberately and defiantly violated the known laws of municipalities and states." He said the ministers "should be prepared to take the consequences."

"Personally, I have little sympathy for them—not because of their goals and ideals, but because of their tactics," Campbell said. "You cannot achieve a moral goal by immoral actions."

On the Senate floor in Washington, Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., and Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., took opposite sides on the ministers' arrest.

Stennis said the ministers "were getting a long way from their pulpits. Certainly there is nothing in the Sermon on the Mount which calls on them to stir up agitation."

Javits defended the group, saying "a great moral issue was involved."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (157-231)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

RACIAL MATTERS

O FREEDOM RIDERS, MISCELLANEOUS

Re Memphis letter to Bureau 8/23/61.

Telephone numbers listed for Richmond File Division are identified as follows:

At Roanoke, Va.:

[redacted] whose identity should be treated confidential, advised SA [redacted] on 8/31/61 that [redacted]

[redacted] and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Boxley Building, Roanoke, Va. 1961 Roanoke City Directory lists [redacted] Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and residing at [redacted] Roanoke, Va.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Room 210, Colonial American National Building, Roanoke, Va., and [redacted] is [redacted] of this organization. Roanoke City Directory lists [redacted] as residing at [redacted] Roanoke, Va.

At Petersburg, Va.: 1961 Petersburg Telephone Directory lists telephone no [redacted] Petersburg, Va. Current Petersburg City Directory lists [redacted] residing [redacted] Petersburg and employed as [redacted] for Rucker Rosenstock, a local department store.

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The records of the Petersburg PD, pertaining to individuals arrested by that department in connection with racial demonstrations, were checked by SA ROBERT E. BARRITT on 8/31/61, but no record identifiable with [REDACTED] could be located.

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On September 12, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose identity should be protected, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] located at Virginia Union University, 1500 N. Laburnum Street, Richmond.

Virginia Union University is a Negro School, and in the past, students from this university have participated in freedom rides and sit-in demonstrations.

Richmond indices contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI  
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264

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MISS. MISS.  
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COURT, TWO HUNDRED TWELVE. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT, THIRTEEN. PAID FINES, TWENTYFOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY, ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION, FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED, ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE, ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT, FOUR. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER WITHDRAWING APPEAL BOND, TWO. NET IN CUSTODY, FIFTEEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAILS.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264

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FREEBUS. NO FR TRIED IN HINES COUNTY COURT, JACKSON,

MISS., SEPT. TWENTYTWO AND NO FR TRIALS SCHEDULED

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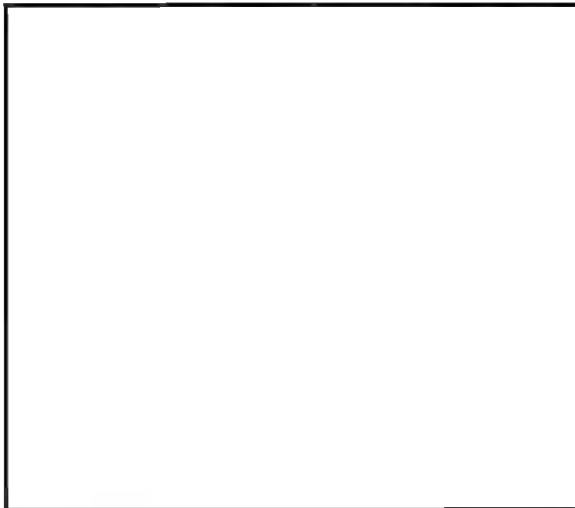
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On 9/19/61, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County SO,  
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\$500.00 cash appeal bond on 9/19/61. Bond returnable in  
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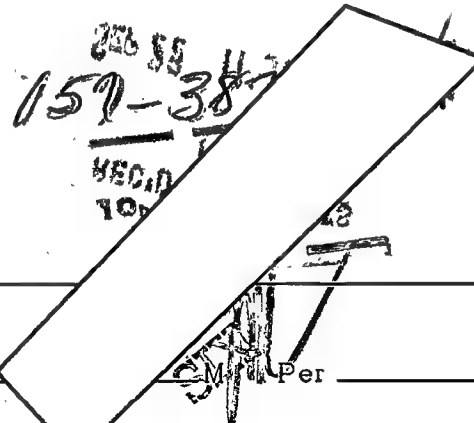
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RACIAL MATTERS

*0* FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re daily summary submitted by your office.

The daily summary teletype in this matter should be discontinued and instead the information concerning the number of freedom riders arrested and their disposition should be set forth by a daily airtel.

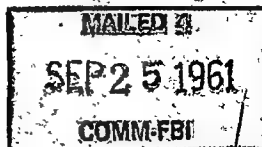
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/

*Freedom Riders*  
FREEBUS. RMYTEL AUG. SEVEN LAST RE HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR

INJUNCTION. THREE JUDGE COURT CONVENED IN JACKSON, MISS. TODAY  
AND IS HEARING TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES AS TO SEGREGATION PRACTICES  
IN TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AT JACKSON. COURT SOURCES ADVISE  
THEY DO NOT EXPECT HEARING TO CONCLUDE TODAY. FOLLOWING IS  
SUMMARY AS OF THREE P. M., SEPT. TWENTY FIVE. NO FR ARRESTED OR  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: September 20, 1961

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-89)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous*

Re Memphis letter to Bureau dated 8/23/61, which reflects that among charges billed for the telephone at the office of the Student Central Committee (SCC) at 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee, were charges for a call on June 9, 1961 to Louisville, Kentucky phone 585-2331, and on May 19, 1961, to Louisville phone 774-3331.

According to the August, 1961 issue of the Louisville, Kentucky Telephone Directory, phone 774-3331 is listed to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), 4403 Virginia Avenue, and also to CARL BRADEN, 4403 Virginia Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Inasmuch as Memphis undoubtedly has a current thumbnail sketch of the SCEF, no characterization of that organization is included.

Following is a current characterization of CARL BRADEN:

[Redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, in testifying on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky Criminal Court, in a state sedition prosecution against CARL BRADEN, identified CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to shortly prior to the time of her testimony.

The booklet entitled "Communist Infiltration and Activities in the South", printed for the use of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on pages 2667 through 2681, reports the testimony of CARL BRADEN before the sub-committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, on July 30, 1958.

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BRADEN identified himself as a worker in the integration movement in the South and as a Field Secretary of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), which organization he identified as "a South-wide inter-racial organization working to bring about integration, justice and decency in the South". BRADEN also said he was Associate Editor of the newspaper of the SCEF, "The Southern Patriot", which he said "disseminates information on integration in the South and about people who are working for integration".

BRADEN testified that he was previously "unemployed as a result of harassment and prosecution resulting from... efforts to bring about integration in Louisville, Kentucky."

BRADEN declined to answer the question, "...Are you now a member of the Communist Party?" on the basis of the First Amendment, stating that the question "Has no possible pertinency to any legislation."

He declined to answer on the same grounds a question as to whether or not [redacted] was in error when she testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities that while she was a member of the CP, she knew BRADEN as a CP member.

BRADEN thereafter refused to answer other questions on the basis of invasion of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, which he designated as freedom of speech, beliefs and associations.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 3, 1959, reported that CARL BRADEN had been sentenced to one year in prison on a charge of contempt of Congress on February 2, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia. The story noted that he had been convicted under this charge on January 21, 1959, and that the charge arose from his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Louisville Times, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 27, 1961, reported that the U.S. Supreme Court had, on that date, affirmed the contempt of Congress conviction of BRADEN.

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The Courier-Journal, on May 2, 1961, reported that CARL BRADEN had surrendered to the U.S. Marshal at Atlanta, Georgia, on May 1, 1961, to begin serving a one year prison sentence for contempt of Congress.

In connection with Louisville telephone number 585-2331, mentioned above, in connection with referenced letter, it is noted the August, 1961 issue of the Louisville, Kentucky Telephone Directory reflects this number to be listed for the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. It is noted the call to this number from the phone in the office of the Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, was made on June 9, 1961.

In this connection, the attention of the Bureau and Memphis is directed to Louisville letter to Bureau, with copies to various offices, dated June 30, 1961, entitled "Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee - RACIAL MATTERS", which reflects that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee met in Louisville, Kentucky for three days ending June 11, 1961. Meetings were held in the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. Included on the reported agenda for the meeting were policy decisions about future "Freedom Rides" and discussions of Negro efforts to desegregate recreational facilities this summer.

It would appear from the above that the call of June 9, 1961, related to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee which was then meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-23-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/HJS

TO : Director, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 9/14/61

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (157-232)

SUBJECT: Freedom Riders - Misc  
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Re Memphis letter 8/23/61.

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Atlanta, Georgia, on 9/11/61, furnished [redacted]  
referred to in relet which are as follows:

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Room 103,  
197½ Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

This is a Negro organization which has participated  
in sit-in demonstrations.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208  
Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta.

This is an organization under the leadership of Rev.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which organization has  
participated in Freedom Rides and sit-in demonstrations.

[redacted] record destroyed.

Atlanta. [redacted]

has identified himself as [redacted] for the  
Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, which organiza-  
tion participated in recent Freedom Rides.

[redacted] the Committee on Appeal for Human  
Rights, 150 Chestnut St., Atlanta. This organization  
is under the leadership of [redacted] and has partici-  
pated in sit-in demonstrations.

[redacted] has  
identified himself as the assistant to MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. and active in the Freedom Rides Coordinating  
Committee.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New Orleans (157-264)
- 1 - Memphis (157-140)
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Mobile
- 1 - Atlanta

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ATLANTA, GA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
No record.

[REDACTED] No record.

[REDACTED]  
This individual is a white person associated with the  
National Student Association.

[REDACTED]  
No record.

[REDACTED]  
Atlanta. No record.

[REDACTED] Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
563 Johnson Ave., NE. MARTIN LUTHER KING is the  
Assistant Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Atlanta, and is Director of the Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference. He is a well known Negro  
leader who advocates complete desegregation of  
schools and other segregated facilities.

[REDACTED] No record.

Listed to Miss DORA E. McDONALD, 1321 Sharon St.,  
NW. No record.

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Date: 9/14/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: *VWD* SAC, MEMPHIS (157-162)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI,  
SIT-DOWN, ILLINOIS - CENTRAL  
RAILROAD STATION, CLARKSDALE,  
MISS.  
RACIAL MATTERS

*OF FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*  
Re Memphis airtel dated 9/7/61 to Bureau.

Sheriff L. A. ROSS, JR., Clarksdale, Miss.,  
advises three defendants in instant matter are scheduled  
to be tried on their appeals by jury, County Court,  
Clarksdale, Miss., on September 20, 1961.

The Memphis Office will follow and report results  
of trials.

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Approved *Wick*  
OCT 27 1961 Special Agent in Charge  
*Wick*

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Date: 9/18/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)  
RE: FREEBUS  
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*FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*

Re New Orleans airtel dated 9/11/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in New Orleans Division as of close of business, 9/16/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	1209	660
Clerical	864	24
Miles driven:	5,821	

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2-New Orleans  
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DATE 11-24-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/19/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 7, 1961  
RM; CR

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(OO: New Orleans)

Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/10/61, at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Rerep furnished the identities of two Freedom Riders who were arrested on 7/7/61, in Jackson, Mississippi and who were from the NYC area. They are:

[Redacted]  
Bronx, New York

[Redacted]  
New York, New York

NYO indices contained no additional information concerning [Redacted]

Information concerning [Redacted] contained in NYO files, is set forth in letterhead memorandum.

The following additional investigation was conducted by NYO relative to [Redacted] but no further information was developed:

- 2-Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 2-New Orleans (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1-New York (157-391)

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Agency [Redacted]  
Req. Rec'd 9/22/61  
Date Forw. [Redacted]  
How Forw. [Redacted]  
By [Redacted]  
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Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were reviewed by IC [redacted] on 8/25/61.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, were reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 9/8/61.

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Information furnished by [redacted] set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum, was telephonically received by IC [redacted] on 8/28/61.

The confidential sources used in the characterization of [redacted] in the order utilized are identified as follows:

[redacted]  
Anonymous

[redacted] Confidential Mail Box, maintained by St. Louis Office

Sources, according to the order in which they are utilized in the characterization of the FPCC are [redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
September 19, 1961

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DATE 11-24-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961  
Racial Matters; Civil Rights

Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce, Detective Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that at 6:10 p.m. on July 7, 1961, a group of Freedom Riders were arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department. Pierce advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived in Jackson by bus from Montgomery, Alabama, had entered the white waiting room of the terminal, and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the order of the officers, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace, and transported to the city jail, where they were booked. Pierce stated there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

Pierce furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, one of the above-mentioned Freedom Riders arrested on July 7, 1961:

Name  
Jackson Police  
Department Number  
Residence

Date of Arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Birth Date

Height  
Weight

Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build

[redacted]  
New York

July 7, 1961  
Breach of Peace

[redacted]

New York,

[redacted]

ENCLOSURE

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961, Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi, July 7, 1961

Occupation	Student, Queens College New York, New York
Marital Status	[REDACTED]
Father	[REDACTED]
Mother	[REDACTED]
Education	Twelfth Grade, One year Queens College, New York, New York
Prior Arrests	None

On August 28, 1961 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York, advised the New York Office of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation that on the above date, he had  
received a telephone call from [REDACTED] a  
Freedom Rider, then in Monroe, North Carolina, who informed  
him that he had been threatened by the Monroe, North Carolina  
Police Department and told to get out of North Carolina.

[REDACTED] stated that "they (Freedom Riders) were  
in Monroe, North Carolina to get in touch with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] former National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People (NAACP) leader in that area, in order to  
pacify [REDACTED] and keep him quiet".

[REDACTED] requested that [REDACTED] wire him  
\$20.00 in care of Western Union Office at Charlotte, North  
Carolina, so that he might obtain transportation out of North  
Carolina. [REDACTED] would not advise [REDACTED] as to how  
he was going from Monroe, North Carolina to Charlotte, North  
Carolina, since he was afraid "that the conversation was being  
listened to".

Concerning [REDACTED] mentioned above,  
it is noted that on April 10, 1959, a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that  
[REDACTED] attended a Communist Party (CP) meeting  
which was held in the Headquarters of the CP, United States  
of America (USA), District 22, Room 14, Brown Building, Charles-  
ton, West Virginia in 1950.

On June 15, 1955, [REDACTED] voluntarily appeared at  
the Charlotte Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
at which time he denied ever being a member of the CP, but stated  
he had met individuals who were members, but declined to name  
them.



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Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
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On February 29, 1956, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date [redacted] had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., and requested that he be allowed to enter and live in the Soviet Union because [redacted] he could not expect to receive justice since [redacted] was greater than social justice in the United States.

On February 2, 1959, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a piece of the letterhead stationery of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice, which reflected that [redacted]  
[redacted] the Union County, North Carolina, NAACP [redacted]  
[redacted] the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice.

On December 19, 1958, a fourth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice was being set up in order to concern itself mainly with the racial issue involving the conviction and incarceration of two Negro youths, ages eight and ten at Monroe, North Carolina, who were convicted of kissing a white girl. This source added that this committee would concern itself with other racial incidents and intends to become a prominent organization. This same source also stated that this committee was initiated through the efforts of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), which was the motivating force in the formation of this committee.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" carried an article which maintained that the United States Press had made certain charges against Cuba which were not true and that the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. Among those listed as members of this committee was [redacted]

On August 10, 1960, a fifth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 7, 1960, he attended a meeting at 116 University Place, New York City, at which time [redacted] was introduced as a noted Negro leader from Monroe, North Carolina, a sponsor of "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" and that [redacted] had just returned from

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Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi, July 7, 1961

an extended tour of Cuba, where he observed the revolution, first hand, and participated in the July 26, 1960 celebration on the Sierra Maestra. [redacted] stated he visited Cuba to see the advancement of the Cuban Revolution and was very impressed by its success. [redacted] stated today in Cuba one does not see any racial discrimination and that the United States Government and the State Department are making a definite effort to keep Negroes out of Cuba. [redacted] stated "the progress of the revolution can be see all over---. If this is Communism, then I vote for Communism".

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/19/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/3/61 - 9/13/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AUGUST 4, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: <b>l11</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCES:

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 8/3/61 and 8/4/61.  
New Orleans airtels and letterhead memos to Bureau,  
8/16/61, 8/17/61, 8/21/61, and 8/23/61.

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## LEAD

### NEW ORLEANS

AT SHREVEPORT, LA. Will report disposition of convicted  
Freedom Riders.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the  
New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be  
furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Shreveport.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
Copies made:  ④ - Bureau 3 - New Orleans (157-363)		<div>157-387-1093X3</div> <div>44-17831-83</div> <div>SEP 22 1961</div> <div>REC-44</div> <div>114</div>

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Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-363

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
AUGUST 4, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Four Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrested at Trailways Bus Station, Shreveport, La., by Shreveport PD on 8/4/61 after refusing to leave waiting room where waiting to board Trailways Bus scheduled to depart 5:45 a.m., 8/4/61, en route to Jackson, Miss. Two other individuals, also identified in details, arrested shortly thereafter in 500 block Travis St., about one block from bus station. All charged with disturbing the peace. All tried in First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Shreveport, trial starting 8/18/61, ending 8/21/61; all entered not guilty pleas; all found guilty on 8/21/61 and sentenced on 8/23/61. Sentences set forth in details. Defense attorney applied to Supreme Court of La. for writ of certiorari, prohibition mandamus. Defendants granted 10 days delay; released on bond 8/23/61, except defendant [redacted] against whom detainer placed by PD, New Orleans, La., on narcotics charge. Descriptions and identification records set forth. No incidents at time of arrest or during trial.

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DETAILS:

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by [redacted] Shreveport Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), to SA's [redacted] on August 3, 1961 [redacted] advised his organization planned to test the facilities at the Trailways Bus Station, Shreveport, as follows:

A group of seven CORE members planned to board a Trailways bus scheduled to leave Shreveport at 5:45 a.m., August 4, 1961, and to travel to Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to boarding the bus, they planned to test the facilities at the Trailway Bus Station, Shreveport, by entering the white waiting room. In addition, they were considering testing facilities at some of the towns en route from Shreveport to Jackson, although he stated he had recommended against this and no definite decision had been made in this regard and no specific towns had been decided upon.

[redacted] furnished the following names of individuals who were supposed to make the trip:

[redacted]	age [redacted]	high school graduate
[redacted]	age [redacted]	high school student
[redacted]	age [redacted]	occupation unknown
[redacted] (LNU),	age [redacted]	occupation unknown
[redacted]	age [redacted]	student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
[redacted]	age [redacted]	
[redacted]	age [redacted]	student, Grambling College, Ruston, Louisiana

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[redacted] advised all of these individuals were Negroes and all were local Shreveport people. He stated [redacted] was to be the leader of the group. In addition, he stated there might be two additional persons in the group [redacted] age [redacted] and another person whose identity he did not yet know. He stated these were also local Shreveport people.

[redacted] advised the group planned to go to the bus station at 5:00 or 5:15 a.m. He stated he did not plan to attend himself but that he might aid in transporting the others to the station. He said they intended to notify the police of their plans about two hours before their bus was scheduled to depart.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on August 3, 1961:

Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY, Shreveport,  
Louisiana

Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Caddo Parish  
Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana

Captain [redacted] Louisiana State Police,  
Troop G, Bossier City, Louisiana

[redacted] Special Agent, CIC,  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Date August 11, 1961

The following was observed at the Trailways Bus Station, Fannin and Edwards Street, Shreveport, Louisiana:

Present at the station at approximately 4:30 AM on the morning of August 4, 1961 were fifteen officers from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and about ten officers from the Shreveport Police Department. Chief Deputy [redacted] Major [redacted] were in charge of the officers from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY and Major [redacted] were in charge of the officers from the Police Department. Chief TEASLEY was in charge of the overall operation and acted as spokesman for the group. Two uniformed police officers were stationed at each door to the waiting room marked white intrastate passengers.

At 5:22 AM a four-door, two-tone-blue, Oldsmobile carrying six Negroes stopped behind the bus station and discharged four Negro passengers, two of which were males. The car then pulled off with two Negro males in the vehicle. The four Negroes proceeded immediately to the west door to the station which was marked white intrastate and were temporarily engaged in conversation by the officers stationed there. Officer [redacted] spoke to one of the male Negroes who acted as spokesman for the group. This individual later identified himself as [redacted] to Chief of Police TEASLEY. After a slight pause the four then entered the waiting room and proceeded to the center of the waiting room where they were stopped by Chief TEASLEY and engaged in conversation for several minutes. During the conversation TEASLEY advised the group they were violating State and City Laws by entering this particular waiting room and requested they leave [redacted] said they wanted to wait for their bus. TEASLEY pointed out they could wait in the other waiting room; however, they indicated they desired to remain in the waiting room where they were. TEASLEY inquired as to whether they had any respect for State and City Laws and they were informed if they remained, they would be arrested. [redacted] replied he had no choice, or words to that effect, whereupon TEASLEY asked if that meant they were refusing to leave. [redacted] said it did and TEASLEY then told the group they were under arrest and they were escorted to the door through which they had entered. The time of the arrest was 5:27 AM.

On 8/4/61 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # 157-363  
by SA [redacted] /emz Date dictated 8/11/61



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They waited about two minutes for a police patrol wagon during which time Chief TEASLEY asked all of the members of the group for their names and he also asked [redacted] if they had a meeting to plan this action. [redacted] said they had. The group was then taken away in the patrol wagon.

The representatives of the Police Department and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office remained in the Trailways Bus Terminal until the 5:45 AM bus for Jackson, Mississippi had departed. There were no other incidents at the bus station.

During the above there were approximately fifty persons in the bus station; however, most of them had luggage with them and did not appear to have much interest in the happenings and appeared to be travelers. One newspaper man and one newspaper photographer was in the station at the time of the arrest. Also in the station and observing the proceedings was [redacted] of the Louisiana State Sovereignty Commission.

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The following was observed in and near the Trailways Bus Station, Edwards and Fannin Streets, Shreveport, Louisiana:

At 4:30 AM, there were approximately fifteen officers from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, under the command of Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and about ten officers from the Shreveport Police Department, under command of Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY. Officers from both departments were stationed at the doors to the waiting rooms and around the Station in strategic location. Also present was [redacted] Louisiana State Sovereignty Commission.

At approximately 5:22 AM, four Negroes, subsequently identified as [redacted] were observed to come to the west door of the Station where the sign over the door indicates it is for white intrastate passengers. Two uniformed officers of the Police Department blocked the door when the group attempted to enter and when [redacted] stated he wanted to enter the waiting room, one of the officers, Patrolman [redacted] advised the group they were to use the other waiting room, indicating the one on the north side of the station, whose door sign indicates it is for interstate passengers and colored intrastate passengers.

[redacted] stated they wanted to enter the waiting room to await their bus. [redacted] advised [redacted] that if the group entered that waiting room, they were liable to be arrested. [redacted] said that was all right so the officers stood aside and allowed the group of Negroes to enter.

[redacted] led the group into the waiting room and headed for the ticket window. The group was intercepted by Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY and other officers of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

The initial statements were not overheard but TEASLEY was heard to tell [redacted] within hearing of the others, that they were violating State and City Laws. [redacted] said he understood there was a Federal injunction which permitted them to use that waiting room and they desired to wait there for their bus.

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by SA [redacted] /emz Date dictated 8/4/61

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TEASLEY asked [ ] if he had no respect for State and City Laws; [ ] replied he did but the group wanted to remain in the room to wait their bus.

TEASLEY told [ ] that he and the others should leave immediately and if they did not, they would be arrested. [ ] replied, "I have no choice". TEASLEY asked if that statement meant they refused to leave and [ ] said it did. TEASLEY then told the group they were under arrest and told them to go back out the door they had entered.

The group immediately left the Station by the same door and while waiting outside for the patrol wagon, TEASLEY interviewed each, briefly, concerning his identity. He asked [ ] if their action had been planned at meetings, and [ ] said it had. In answer to TEASLEY'S question, [ ] said there had been just one meeting at which their action had been planned.

The arrest was made at 5:27 AM and the group was placed in the patrol wagon at about 5:30 AM.

Police and Sheriff's Officers remained at their stations at the depot until the bus, on which the group of Negroes had intended to depart, left at about 5:45 AM, without further incident.

Date August 11, 1961

Officer [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana Police Department, advised that on the morning of August 4, 1961 he was assigned to the west door of the white intrastate waiting room of the Trailways Bus Station located on the corner of Fannin and Edwards Streets, Shreveport, Louisiana. At about 5:25 AM two male and two female Negroes came to the entrance and started to enter the doors leading to the white intrastate waiting room. He said that he and another officer from the Shreveport Police Department advised them they were to use the other waiting room located on the north end of the building. One of the group who later identified himself to the police as [redacted] stated they wanted to enter the waiting room and wait for their bus. At the time [redacted] had a ticket in his hand. [redacted] said he then informed the group that if they went into the waiting room for white intrastate passengers they may be arrested. [redacted] remarked to the effect that was all right at which point he and the other officer stopped aside and the group of four entered the white intrastate waiting room and proceeded to the center of the room where they were stopped by Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY and other officers of the Police Department as well as members of the Caddo parish sheriff's office.

On 8/4/61 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # 157-363by SA [redacted] /cmg Date dictated 8/4/61

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Date August 11, 1961

At 5:35 AM, August 11, 1961, [redacted] Negro

[redacted] were observed being taken from a patrol wagon belonging to the Shreveport Police Department, which was parked in the basement of the Caddo Parish Court House. They were escorted to the Caddo Parish Jail Booking Desk by Lieutenant [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] Shreveport Police Department.

On 8/4/61 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # 157-363

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Chief Deputy [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, made available booking sheets for the following persons. These persons were booked into Caddo Parish Jail at 5:35 AM, August 4, 1961, by Lieutenant [redacted] Lieutenant [redacted] Shreveport Police Department signed the sheets. The charge was Disturbing the Peace and arresting officer, Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY, Shreveport Police Department.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana[redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana[redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana[redacted]  
Shreveport, Louisiana

[redacted] made available booking sheets for the following persons, who were booked in the Caddo Parish Jail at 6:03 AM, August 4, 1961 by Lieutenant [redacted]. The charge was Disturbing the peace and signing officers were listed as Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY, Captain [redacted] Shreveport Police Department and Captain [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. [redacted] advised these two men were arrested by Captain [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] in the 500 block of Travis Street.

[redacted]  
Shreveport, Louisiana.[redacted]  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana

On 8/4/61 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # 157-363

by SA [redacted] /emz Date dictated 8/4/61



Date August 11, 1961

Captain [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana, advised the vehicle in which the four Negroes who entered the Trailways Bus Station on the morning of August 4, 1961 was a two tone blue Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Louisiana License [redacted]. He further advised this vehicle arrived at the back of the bus station just about 5:20 AM and two other male Negroes drove off in the car after the aforementioned Negroes got out of the car.

On 8/4/61 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # 157-363  
by SA [redacted] /omz Date dictated 8/4/61

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Radio Operator [redacted] Troop D, Louisiana State Highway Patrol, Bossier City, Louisiana advised he had determined through the Louisiana State Highway Patrol in Alexandria, Louisiana that 1961 Louisiana License [redacted] was issued to [redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana for a 1956 Oldsmobile four-door.

On 8/4/61 at Bossier City, Louisiana File # 52-157-365  
by SA [redacted] /emz Date dictated 8/4/61

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On August 4, 1961, Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, advised SA [redacted] that all six of the individuals arrested had been charged with violation of Louisiana Criminal Code, Article 103, Section 1, disturbing the peace, and their bonds were all set at \$150. The attorney representing all six individuals was JESSE STONE. [redacted] advised there were no incidents during the arrests.

On August 4, 1961, Jailer [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] had been released on bond provided by bondsman [redacted] on that date.

On August 4, 1961, Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, advised he had fingerprinted the six arrested persons and had found no prior arrest record for any of them on file with his department. He advised their fingerprints were being submitted to the FBI in Washington, D. C.

On August 4, 1961, Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY, Shreveport Police Department, advised he had been unable to locate any arrest record on file with his department identifiable with the six individuals arrested on that date with the exception of [redacted] on whom he found a record of two traffic arrests, one being for running a red light and the other for careless and reckless driving. He was convicted on both charges. Chief TEASLEY stated he understood [redacted] had been involved in a sit-in demonstration in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, some time ago.

On August 4, 1961, [redacted] Greater Shreveport Credit Bureau, advised she found no credit record for [redacted]. She located a credit record for [redacted] Shreveport, which had been on file since December, 1955, and reflected a satisfactory credit rating with no suits, fines, or judgments listed. This showed [redacted] to be a [redacted] and showed he was affiliated with the New Boggy Church, Bethany, Louisiana, and that [redacted]

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worked at Selber Brothers. He was also shown as being affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

[redacted] located a credit record on one [redacted] Shreveport, which had been on file since August, 1958. This showed he was employed by Gladstone Grocery in 1958 and was then [redacted]. No subsequent information was in the file. It could not be determined if this person is identical to [redacted].

On August 11, 1961, Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY advised that [redacted] were released on \$150 bond each on August 10, 1961. He advised that on August 11, 1961, these individuals together with [redacted] were arraigned in the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Shreveport, on charges of disturbing the peace at which time all six entered pleas of not guilty. Trial was set for August 18, 1961, and all six persons were continued on bond.

On August 23, 1961, Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that all six of the individuals arrested on August 4, 1961, had been found guilty on August 21, 1961, in District Court and that they had all been sentenced by District Judge JOHN DIXON on August 23, 1961. After sentencing Judge DIXON granted bail for the defendants pending the filing by their attorney of an application for a writ of certiorari. All were released on bond on August 23, 1961, with the exception of [redacted] against whom a detainer had been filed by the New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department on a [redacted] charge for which bond was set at \$5,000. [redacted] advised there were no incidents during the trial.

On September 12, 1961, Deputy Clerk of Court [redacted] First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, furnished the following information from the criminal docket with regard to the trial of [redacted]

[redacted]  
charges of disturbing the peace:



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Trial was started on August 18, 1961. On August 21, 1961, trial was resumed and defendants were found guilty. Sentencing was deferred until August 23, 1961. On August 23, 1961, defendants were sentenced as follows:

[REDACTED] \$150 fine and costs or 30 days and to serve 30 days in jail.

[REDACTED] \$150 fine and costs or 30 days and to serve 15 days in jail, said 15 days suspended on good behavior.

[REDACTED] \$200 and costs or 45 days and to serve three months in jail.

[REDACTED] \$200 and costs or 45 days and to serve three months in jail.

[REDACTED] \$200 and costs or 45 days and to serve 30 days in jail.

The docket further reflected that on August 23, 1961, the defense attorney gave notice of intent to apply to the Supreme Court of Louisiana for a writ of certiorari, prohibition mandamus, with leave to file written motion in record, and requested a delay in which to perfect application for writs and that the accused be granted bail pending same. Accused were granted ten days delay to perfect application for writs and were granted liberty upon posting bonds as follows: [REDACTED] \$750; [REDACTED] \$500; [REDACTED] \$300.

[REDACTED] advised the application for writ referred to above had been received and filed by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 1, 1961, and had been entered as No. 45,841 on the Supreme Court docket. He stated his office would be notified of the result of the application.

The following information regarding the six defendants in this matter was made available by Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, from his files:

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[redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted]  
Address [redacted] Shreveport,  
Louisiana. [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] Louisiana; [redacted] lbs.;  
eyes [redacted] hair [redacted] complexion [redacted]  
[redacted] build [redacted] scars and marks [redacted]  
[redacted] occupation--12th grade student,  
Murphy St. Notre Dame High School. Property  
bonds of \$150 on August 10, 1961, and \$300  
on August 23, 1961, made with [redacted]  
as surety. Fingerprint search replies from  
Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana,  
and FBI, Washington, D. C., reflect no prior  
arrest data located.

[redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted]  
Address [redacted] Shreveport,  
Louisiana. [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] Louisiana; [redacted] lbs.;  
[redacted] eyes; [redacted] hair; [redacted] complexion;  
[redacted] occupation--1961 graduate  
Notre Dame High School. Property bonds of  
\$150 on August 10, 1961, and \$300 on August 23,  
1961, were made with [redacted] as surety.  
Fingerprint search replies from Louisiana  
State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and  
FBI, Washington, D. C., reflect no prior arrest  
record located. (It was noted correct spelling  
of this person's first name is [redacted] as re-  
flected in record of her signature on file.)

[redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted]  
Address [redacted] Shreveport,  
Louisiana. [redacted] born [redacted]  
New Orleans, Louisiana; [redacted] lbs.;  
[redacted] eyes; [redacted] hair [redacted] complexion;  
[redacted] occupation--  
[redacted] Baptist Evangelist. Property bond of  
\$150 made on August 10, 1961, with [redacted]  
[redacted] as surety. This record shows he was re-  
arrested on August 23, 1961, by the Shreveport



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Police Department for the New Orleans, Louisiana,  
Police Department on two charges of [redacted]  
[redacted] Captain [redacted] advised [redacted] was  
still in Caddo Parish Jail and had not made the  
\$750 bond on the local charge or the \$5,000  
bond on the New Orleans narcotics charge as of  
that date. (It was noted [redacted] first name  
was correctly spelled [redacted] rather than  
[redacted] as previously reported.)

The following fingerprint record on [redacted] was  
furnished to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office by the FBI,  
Washington, D. C., on August 9, 1961, under FBI [redacted]

April 4, 1943. Police Department, New Orleans,  
Louisiana [redacted] as [redacted] charge  
[redacted] disposition 15 or 30 days.

May 29, 1943. SOS, War Department, [redacted]  
as [redacted] laborer.

July 1, 1943, U. S. Naval Recruiting Office,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, as [redacted]  
applicant.

April 22, 1949. Police Department, New Orleans,  
Louisiana [redacted] as [redacted] charge  
[redacted]  
disposition 60 days "PP."

November 22, 1956, Police Department, Beaumont,  
Texas, [redacted] as [redacted] charge  
[redacted] disposition, released.

October 13, 1958, COC, [redacted] as [redacted]  
[redacted]

August 4, 1961, Sheriff's Office, Shreveport,  
Louisiana, [redacted] as [redacted]

[redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted]  
Address [redacted] Shreveport,  
[redacted]

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Louisiana [redacted] born [redacted]  
Shreveport, Louisiana [redacted] lbs.; [redacted]  
eyes; [redacted] hair; [redacted] complexion; [redacted]  
build; [redacted] occupation--  
student, Grambling College. Property bonds of  
\$150 on August 10, 1961, and \$500 on August 23,  
1961, were made with [redacted] as surety.  
Fingerprint search replies from Louisiana  
State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and FBI,  
Washington, D. C., reflected no prior arrest  
record located.

[redacted] Caddo Sheriff's Office [redacted] Address,  
[redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana.  
[redacted] male; born [redacted]  
Arkansas; [redacted] lbs. [redacted] eyes;  
[redacted] hair; [redacted] complexion; [redacted]  
build; occupation--Baptist clergyman. Property  
bond of \$150 made on August 4, 1961, with  
[redacted] as surety. Property bond of  
\$500 made on August 23, 1961, with [redacted]  
as surety. FBI fingerprint record received by  
Caddo Sheriff's Office on August 9, 1961, re-  
flects the following prior arrest for [redacted]  
[redacted]

April 11, 1960. Police Department, Shreveport,  
[redacted] charge [redacted] disposition April 12,  
1960, \$15.

[redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted]  
Residence, [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana.  
[redacted] born [redacted]  
Louisiana; [redacted] lbs.; [redacted] eyes;  
[redacted] hair; [redacted] complexion; [redacted]  
build; occupation--student, Howard University,  
Washington, D. C. Property bond of \$150 made  
on August 4, 1961, with [redacted] as surety.  
Cash bond of \$750 made on August 23, 1961, with  
[redacted] as surety. FBI fingerprint rec-  
ord furnished Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office by  
the FBI, Washington, D. C., under FBI [redacted]  
on August 9, 1961, reflects the following arrests:

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December 10, 1960. Police Department. New Orleans, Louisiana [redacted] as [redacted] charge distributing handbills or dodgers on the public sidewalks. Also same charge without a permit. No disposition indicated.

April 17, 1961. Police Department. New Orleans, Louisiana [redacted] charge RS 14, Article 100 Par. 1 (relative to obstructing the free convenient and normal use of a sidewalk) [redacted] (refusing to move on). No disposition indicated.

May 24, 1961. Police Department. Jackson, Mississippi, [redacted] charge breach of peace and failing to obey officer. No disposition shown.

Photographs of all six of the above listed individuals were obtained from Captain [redacted] and are being retained in the New Orleans file.

The following is the content of Louisiana Criminal Code, Article 103, Section 1, disturbing the peace:

"A. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby:

"(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon a shore protection structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place or building, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on when ordered so to do by any law enforcement



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officer of any municipality, or parish, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the state of Louisiana, or any other authorized person."

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS #5131 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 6/6/61 <i>Freedom Riders, M.I.C.</i></b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA   New Orleans, 6/20/61.

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## LEADS

### NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

### AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will report release of Freedom Riders   scheduled for release from MSP, Parchman, Mississippi, on 10/12/61.
2. Will report results of the trials in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, of Freedom Riders in this group.

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b7CTitle: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5131  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 6, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Following Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP.  
Parchman, Miss., 6/15/61: [redacted]

[redacted] Freedom Riders  
[redacted] transferred to MSP, Parchman, 6/23/61.  
Freedom Riders in this group released on \$500 cash appeal  
bond on dates indicated. [redacted] 6/24/61; [redacted]

[redacted] 7/15/61. [redacted]  
[redacted] appeared Hinds County Court, Jackson, on  
8/14/61, arraigned on Breach of Peace charge and entered  
not guilty plea. Court set dates for their trials commencing  
9/8/61 with last trial scheduled 1/18/62. [redacted]

[redacted] released 8/29/61 on payment of balance of fine.  
[redacted] confined to MSP as of 9/7/61. [redacted]  
entered nolo contendere plea in Hinds County Court, 9/8/61,  
and sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined \$200 -  
paid. On 9/11/61, [redacted] entered plea of nolo contendere  
and sentenced to four months in jail suspended and fined  
\$200, which was paid. On 9/11/61, [redacted] tried  
and convicted in Hinds County Court on Breach of Peace charge.  
Sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. Was jailed  
at conclusion of trial. [redacted] released on appeal bond  
9/12/61.

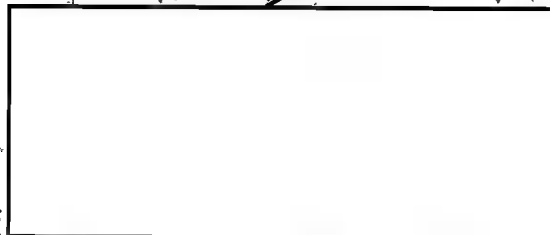
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DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On June 15, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that the following individuals were transferred from the jails at Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961:



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On June 23, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that [redacted] was transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, on June 23, 1961.

On June 24, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on June 24, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961.

On July 15, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised SA [redacted] that on July 15, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLMAN that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through their attorneys, they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

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NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

9/8/61  
9/11/61  
12/29/61  
1/18/62

On August 29, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that on August 29, 1961, [redacted] was released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, after payment of \$131, the balance of the fine imposed upon him after sentencing in Jackson Municipal Court.

On September 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that as of September 7, 1961, [redacted] were still confined to Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, [redacted] said both are scheduled for release on expiration of sentence on October 12, 1961.

On September 8, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that on September 8, 1961, [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, and withdrew his previous not guilty plea to a breach of peace charge and entered a nolo contendere plea to this charge. [redacted] was adjudged guilty and sentenced the same date to four months in jail, suspended, and fined \$200. He was released upon payment of the fine.

On September 11, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised that [redacted] appeared for arraignment in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961, on two separate charges of Breach of the Peace, inasmuch as [redacted] had been arrested on this charge on two separate occasions. TRAVIS advised that [redacted] entered a plea of nolo contendere to both charges and was sentenced to four months in jail, suspended, and fined \$200 on each charge. TRAVIS pointed out that the total fine received by [redacted] was \$400 and the total suspended sentence was eight months. He said [redacted]

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paid the fine and was released on September 11, 1961. TRAVIS advised that [ ] had originally been arrested on June 6, 1961, and after his release on bond returned to Jackson and was arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal on July 31, 1961, after refusing to obey the orders of an officer to move on.

On September 11, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised SA [ ] that [ ] appeared for trial in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961. [ ] declined to accept the services of an attorney and was permitted to conduct his own defense after requesting a trial by jury. [ ] was tried and convicted by the jury and was sentenced to serve four months in jail and paid a fine of \$200. [ ] was confined to the Hinds County Jail at the conclusion of the trial.

On September 12, 1961, Mr. TRAVIS advised SA [ ] that [ ] was released from Hinds County Jail on September 12, 1961, after posting a cash appeal bond in the amount of \$1,000 plus a cash cost bond in the amount of \$500, both bonds returnable in Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on November 6, 1961.



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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961</b> <b>DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409</b> <b>MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO</b> <b>JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI</b> <b>JUNE 8, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders, Misc.</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR; CONTEMPT OF</b> <b>COURT ORDER</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 6/28/61 at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a Pending Inactive Status in the New Orleans Office until December 21, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

**Approved**

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b7CTitle: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 8, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS;  
CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDERSynopsis: [redacted] and PERCY E. SUTTON appeared Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Miss., on 8/14/61. Were arraigned on charge of  
breach of the peace and entered NG pleas. Court set date of  
trial for [redacted] for 11/7/61 and for SUTTON for 12/21/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [redacted] and PERCY E. SUTTON appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. Both were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Both entered Not Guilty pleas to this charge through their attorneys. The Court then set the date of their trials as follows:

[redacted] November 7, 1961; PERCY E. SUTTON,  
December 21, 1961.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of the photographs of PERCY E. SUTTON and [redacted]. Prints will be made from these negatives and the photographs maintained in the New Orleans file.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/22/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/8 - 9/8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 2, 1961 <i>Freedom Riders, M.c.</i></b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 12/29/61, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Copies made:  ④ - BUREAU (157-387) 3 - NEW ORLEANS (157-322)  U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE F. B. I.  <i>1cc the Dept. of Justice, 9/26/61, LHM, P1</i> <i>1cc org. unit</i>		<b>157-387-1096</b>	REC-47
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Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 9/22/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-322

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 2, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] released on 8/8/61 on \$500 cash appeal  
bond, returnable Hinds County Court. 8/14/61. [redacted]

[redacted] all released \$500 cash appeal bond,  
returnable Hinds County Court, 8/14/61, on 8/10/61. All  
above individuals appeared Hinds County Court 8/14/61.  
Were arraigned on charge of Breach of the Peace. Entered  
pleas of not guilty. Court set date of their trials  
commencing 11/2/61, with last trial scheduled for 12/29/61.

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## DETAILS:

On August 8, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY,  
Hinds Court, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August  
8, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal  
bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi,  
on August 14, 1961.

On August 10, 1961, Deputy [redacted]  
Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised  
that the following individuals were released on \$500 cash

NO 157-322

appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, MISS.  
on August 14, 1961:




On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys. The court then set the date for their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL



11/2/61 /  
11/17/61  
12/4/61  
12/21/61  
12/29/61

On September 8, 1961, Captain  Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.



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Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-641)  
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDER 1961 MISC  
Trailways Bus,  
Montgomery, Ala. to  
Jackson, Miss., 7/9/61  
RM; CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/21/61  
at New Orleans.

Enclosed are eight copies to the Bureau and two  
copies to New Orleans of a letterhead memorandum pertaining  
to [redacted] one of the Freedom Riders arrested  
in connection with the above-captioned matter.

Newark indices reflect no information identifiable  
with [redacted]

The inquiries regarding the police and credit reports  
reflected in the enclosed memorandum were conducted by  
SA [redacted]

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Newark, New Jersey  
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**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
Bus, Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 9, 1961**

On September 22, 1961, Lt. [redacted] New Brunswick, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that records of his department contained no reference to [redacted] who reportedly resides at [redacted] New York City, and teaches at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. *N.Y.*

On September 22, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Central New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey, advised that this bureau's records contained no reference to [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC MOBILE /157-189/ 1P *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELL*

FREEBUS. REBUTEL THIS DATE REQUESTING INFORMATION RE

WILLIAM S. ~~COFFIN~~, CHAPLAIN, YALE UNIVERSITY. IN

RESPONSE TO THE BUREAU-S QUESTIONS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED

THAT COFFIN APPEARED PERSONALLY IN MONTGOMERY FOR THE

TRIAL, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN DEFINITELY WHERE HE CAME

TO MONTGOMERY FROM. ASSUMED HE CAME FROM THE YALE BECAUSE

HE CONTINUALLY STATED TO WILLIAM F. THETFORD, CIRCUIT

SOLICITOR, THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS TO GET THE HEARING OVER

WITH AND RETURN TO YALE. THETFORD STATES COFFIN MADE NO

EFFORT TO HAVE THE HEARING POSTPONED AND THAT HE WAS FILING

AN APPEAL BOND AND IS NOT IN CUSTODY. HEARING SCHEDULED

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/20/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 2,  
1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

*Freedom Riders Misc*

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/4/61  
at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith is the original and seven  
copies of a letterhead memo pertaining to [redacted]  
[redacted] under the Freedom Ride caption.

The sources utilized are as follows, respectively:

1. [redacted]
2. CG 5824-S\*, characterization of the NAACP
3. [redacted] characterization of CYCCR.

The files of the Chicago Office contain insufficient  
information to subversively characterize the organization  
CORE.

Careful consideration has been given to each source  
concealed and these sources must be concealed.

Two copies of this letter with enclosures are being  
sent to Pittsburgh in view of the fact that [redacted] has a  
permanent residence in that area.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 8) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-322) (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (Info.) (Encl. 2) (RM)
  - 1 - 157- [redacted] (Freedom Riders 1961 etc.)
  - 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 2 - Chicago
  - 1 - 100-New Dead [redacted]

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 2,  
1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
Hunter E. Helgeson, dated August 4, 1961 and captioned as  
above at New Orleans.

On pages 7 and 8 of referenced report is  
information set forth pertaining to [redacted]  
The Chicago, Illinois investigation pertaining to [redacted]  
is set forth as follows:

[redacted] Registrar's  
Office, University of Chicago, 5801 South Ellis Avenue,  
advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 23,  
1961 the records in her possession reflected the following  
information pertaining to [redacted] He entered the University  
of Chicago on October 4, 1955, and attended the autumn  
quarter of 1955, the winter, spring and autumn quarter of  
1956. He received his 12th grade certificate on June 8,  
1956. He attended the winter and spring quarters of 1957  
and 1958, the spring, summer and autumn quarters of 1959,  
the winter, spring and autumn quarters of 1960, and the  
winter and spring quarters of 1961. His main study was in  
the field of physical sciences.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 2, 1961

His name at the University of Chicago is listed as [redacted] born [redacted] Massachusetts. His home address is listed at Berlin, Pennsylvania. *LL*

It is noted in referenced report [redacted] birth date was listed as [redacted] by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department.

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Chicago, contained no record pertaining to [redacted] when checked by Investigative Clerk [redacted] on August 23, 1961.

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, when reviewed on August 25, 1961 by Investigative Clerk [redacted] contained no identifiable information pertaining to [redacted]

A source advised on August 25, 1961 that [redacted] a student at the University of Chicago, participated in a Wade-In at the Rainbow Beach, Chicago, on August 28, 1960, that was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Chicago Youth Committee for Civil Rights (CYCCR).

This source further advised that [redacted] participated in a Wade-In demonstration at Rainbow Beach, Chicago, on September 4, 1960 that was sponsored by CORE and the CYCCR.

This source concluded that [redacted] participated in a picket line demonstration at the headquarters of the Republican Party, Chicago, on November 8, 1960, that was sponsored by the NAACP and the CYCCR.

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 2, 1961

A second source advised in March, 1961, that the NAACP has been designated as a point of concentration by the Communist Party (CP), USA, in connection with the CP's campaign to penetrate "right led mass organizations."

A third source advised on July 21, 1960, that the CYCCR is a city-wide Chicago organization of students and young people united as a broad and independent group committed to the complete abolishment of all forms of segregation and discrimination. The committee is a non-profit organization without membership dues or paid officers. Founded in the early part of 1960, the committee has no affiliation with any other organization.

Rainbow Beach, a public beach and swimming area, is located in the vicinity of 75th through 79th Streets, Lake Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.

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Title	FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 2, 1961
Character	RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois

All sources utilized in referenced memorandum have  
furnished reliable information in the past with the exception  
of the first source which is [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-476)  
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
RACIAL SITUATION  
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CHARLOTTE)

Agency 157-476  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum. Sources mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

NY T-1 NY 3358-C\*  
NY T-2   
NY T-3 NY 559-S\*

Sources familiar with the activities of "The Militant" and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in the enclosed letterhead memorandum who were unable to furnish any additional information are  PSI, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, and  who has furnished reliable information in the past. Both of the above sources advised, however, that they would remain alert for any

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additional information and immediately advise the NYO in the event they should obtain any additional information concerning "The Militant" organizing a group of Freedom Riders to go to Monroe, North Carolina.

The sources used in the characterization of the SWP in the order utilized are





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York  
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Re: Racial Situation  
Monroe, North Carolina  
Racial Matters

On September 15, 1961, NY T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that [redacted] had stated that he was leaving Sunday night, September 17, 1961, for Monroe, North Carolina, in order to defend the Freedom Riders. [redacted] also stated that "a whole bunch of Freedom Riders" are being sent to Monroe when [redacted] next week.

NY T-1 further advised on September 15, 1961, that [redacted] had made a statement that [redacted] was organizing a group of Freedom Riders to go to Monroe, North Carolina. No mention was made of the number of Freedom Riders or the date on which they would depart for or arrive in Monroe, North Carolina.

"The Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

On September 19, 1961, a source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability but who is familiar with the activities of "The Militant" and the SWP, advised he was unable to furnish any additional information.

On September 20, 1961, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with the activities of "The Militant" and the SWP, advised he could furnish no additional information.

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Re: Racial Situation  
Monroe, North Carolina  
Racial Matters

On January 28, 1960, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] while in Washington on January 25, 1960, mentioned to several members of the delegation which was to appear before the United States Parole Board in behalf of Henry Winston, that he, [redacted] was formerly a member of the Communist Party (CP).

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On July 20, 1948, Henry Winston was indicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (USDC, SDNY), under the Smith Act of 1940 and convicted on the same charge on October 14, 1949.

On October 21, 1949, Winston was sentenced to confinement for a period of five years and fined \$10,000.

On July 21, 1951, Winston became a fugitive upon the issuance of a bench warrant by the USDC, SDNY.

On March 5, 1956, Winston surrendered to the Federal Authorities, SDNY. On March 26, 1956, Winston was sentenced to three years for contempt of court to be served subsequent to the sentence imposed on the Smith Act violation.

On August 14, 1961, NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a CP, USA [redacted] meeting held [redacted] Henry Winston was elected a member of the CP, USA National Committee, the National Executive Committee, the Resident Board and made Vice Chairman, CP, USA.

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Re: Racial Situation  
Monroe, North Carolina  
Racial Matters

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local of the SWP was formed during January, 1938, in New York City.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on April 21, 1961, that the New York Local of the SWP is affiliated with and follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI"

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-162)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI,  
 SIT-DOWN, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
 STATION, CLARKSDALE, MISS.  
 RACIAL MATTERS

OF FREEDOM RIDERS THIS  
 Re Memphis airtel 9/14/61.

Sheriff L. A. ROSS, JR., Clarksdale, Miss. advised on 9/20/61 that in County Court, Clarksdale, Miss. a jury found all three defendants guilty of breach of peace charges.

\_\_\_\_\_ was sentenced to 90 days in jail and was fined \$200; \_\_\_\_\_ each were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$200. The defendants were represented by Negro attorneys R. J. BROWN, Vicksburg, Miss. and \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson, Miss. The cases were appealed to the Circuit Court, Clarksdale, Miss. which court convenes in January, 1962 and the defendants were released on \$1,000 bond each.

The Memphis Office will follow and report results of defendants trials in January, 1962 and any other developments relating to instant matter.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/21/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/4-9/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 11:00 P. M., JULY 5, 1961</b>  <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by  <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By:  <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 8/7/61 at  
New Orleans.

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# ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until March 19, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: September 21, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Field Office File No.: NO 157-326

Bureau File No.: 44-17831

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
11:00 P. M., JULY 5, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] on 8/4/61 were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., on 8/14/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, 8/14/61 on breach of peace charge. All entered NG pleas and court set date of their trials commencing 9/12/61 with last trial scheduled for 10/23/61. [redacted] appeared for trial 9/12/61 and case continued until 1/22/62. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds on 8/16/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court 9/11/61 and entered NG pleas to breach of peace charge. Court set date of their trials for 3/19/62.

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DETAILS:

On August 4, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 4, 1961 [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

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On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys. Court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

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September 12, 1961  
October 13, 1961  
October 16, 1961  
October 23, 1961

On September 12, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] appeared for trial in Hinds County Court on September 12, 1961, at which time his case was continued until January 22, 1962, upon motion of the state inasmuch as a state witness was ill and not available for trial on September 12, 1961. Mr. TRAVIS advised that [redacted] previously posted \$500 appeal bond was continued until January 22, 1962.

On August 16, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 16, 1961 [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961.

On September 19, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on September 11, 1961 the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. They entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

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NO 157-326

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

March 19, 1962

March 19, 1962

On September 8, 1961 Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/22/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/4 - 9/8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Terminal Jackson, Mississippi July 7, 1961</b>  <i>Freedom Riders-Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, 8/7/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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This case is being placed in a P\* status in the New Orleans Office until 1/17/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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## Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
9/22/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond on 8/3/61.

[redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61. Were arraigned on Breach of the Peace charge and entered pleas of not guilty. Court set trial dates for these individuals commencing 10/3/61, with last trial scheduled for 1/17/62.

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## DETAILS:

On August 4, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 3, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. All were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. All

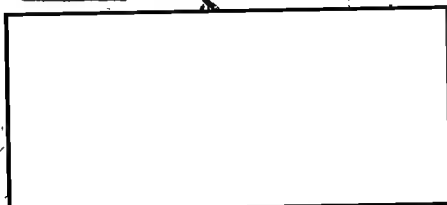


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entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys.  
The court then set the date of their trial as indicated  
below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL



10/3/61  
10/11/61  
11/15/61  
1/4/62  
1/17/62

On September 8, 1961, Captain   
Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mis-  
sissippi, made available negatives of photographs of all  
Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from  
these negatives and are being retained in the New Orleans  
file.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Terminal Jackson, Mississippi, July 5, 1961</b>  <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
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## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, dated 8/9/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 5, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis:

[redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal  
bonds on 8/10/61. [redacted]

[redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
8/14/61. Were arraigned on charge of Breach of the Peace.  
Entered pleas of not guilty. Court set dates of their trial  
as 9/11/61, 10/9/61 and 11/8/61, respectively. [redacted] appeared  
in Hinds County Court, 9/11/61, withdrew previous not guilty  
plea and entered a plea of nolo contendere and received  
sentence 4 months in jail suspended and fined \$200, which  
was paid.

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DETAILS:

On August 10, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August  
10, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500  
cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson,  
Mississippi, on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A.  
TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND  
that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned

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on a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through their attorneys, they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

9/11/61  
10/9/61  
11/8/61

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On September 11, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS JR. City of Jackson advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] appeared for trial in Hinds County Court on September 11, 1961. Through his attorney, he withdrew his previous not guilty plea to a charge of Breach of the Peace and entered a plea of nolo contendere to the same charge. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced the same date to four months in jail, suspended, and fined \$200. He was released upon payment of this fine.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of the photographs of Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and are being retained in the New Orleans file.

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Date: 9/26/61

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS *OF FREEDOM RIDER - MISCELLANEOUS*  
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Remytel 9/25/61.

Three judge court in session today at Jackson, Miss.  
and is still hearing witnesses. No FR tried in Hinds County  
Court today.

The following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 9/26/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson since 9/25/61  
summary. Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court 294.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court 13.

Paid fines 24.

Released to attorney 1.

Released on probation 4.

Released as charges dismissed 1.

Released on expiration sentence 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
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Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appeal 2.

Net in custody 15.

All FR eating at Hinds County and Jackson City Jails.



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Director, FBI  
**(100-397390)**

**JOHNSON-FOREST GROUP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - JFG**

**FREEDOM RIDERS - 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS**

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a report of Bureau Confidential Informant No. **[REDACTED]**, at **Detroit, Michigan** dated **9-4-61**

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This report has been and is being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

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1 - **Freedom Riders - 1961**

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On September 3, 1961, I attended a convention held at 8751 Grand River in Detroit. There was about 35 people there, 17 of them men, and the rest women. There was 5 Negro ~~women~~ women there and 2 Negro men.

Saul Blackman gave the first talk. It concerned working with other organizations. His talk was quite brief and he mention CORE and the Trade Union Labor council. He said that he thought CORE was doing a great job and that they would support them, but he didn't have such good words for the TULC. He said that they organized to help the men in the unions, but they have an altogether different attitude, since they formed it. He said that they are soliciting new members and that he was talking to a carpenter that works in the same shop that he does and that the man said they approached him about ~~joining~~ joining the TULC and that the sales talk they used was that they had a nice bar. Saul said that it showed just how much they planned on helping the members.

Louise, one of the Freedom Riders, gave ~~one of the~~ the next talk on her experiences in Jackson Mississippi when she was arrested with the other Freedom Riders. She said that 8 minutes after the bus load of Freedom Riders got in Jackson, they were arrested. They were taken to the city jail first and then were moved to the county jail. She said that they were put into maximum security, but she said that only hardened criminals are supposed to be put there, but they told them it was for there own protection. She said that the Negro and white ~~girls~~ girls were all put together and the Negro men and white men were separated. There were 13 girls to a cell and only four cots, so the rest of them ~~were~~ had to sleep on the floor and that the whole place was full of bugs.

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Louise said that they served 40 days there and that during this time, the guards came one day and took nine of the Negroes (including Mary) out of the cell and no one saw them for a long time. Finally Louise saw one of the guards and asked him to give Mary her toothbrush that she had left behind and he said "to never mind because she would be coming" and then stopped in the middle of his sentence. She said they finally found out why they were taken away and it was because they were having an official inspection and they didn't want it to look overcrowded. She also mentioned that they discovered that the quarters where the desperate criminals and murderers were being held was right behind them and that all they were being fed was one biscuit and one teaspoon of whatever was being served for each meal, so they hooked up a string and passed biscuits through a ventilator to the men. One day, some one stuck his hand through the ventilator and they thought it was the prisoners so they started pushing the biscuits as fast as they could, but it turned out to be a guard. They were taken before the warden and she said that he was so mad they were afraid they were going to kill them, but instead they took their mattresses away from them and also their towels and toothbrushes. After serving their 40 days, they went to New Orleans, because they had to be back in Jackson in a few days for their trial. She said they new better than to get into any trouble, because of their coming trial, so they were minding their own business when the police picked up her, Mary and another girl. She said that they were waiting for a bus and she had \$15.00 in her pocket, but they charged them with loitering and vagrancy. They booked them, but CORE bailed them out and then the next night they were arrested again ~~for~~ and they charged them with being prostitutes

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The girls that was with them had a CORE card on her person and the cops said that they were going to call in the FBI and Louise said she got so mad that she told them that she wished they would, because a FBI man rode all the way to Mississippi on the bus with them to protect them from ~~pppl~~ people like the the cops and that they would be doing her a favor if they would call them. She said after that they didn't bother them and they were released.

Mary Hamilton, A Negro Freedom Rider, gave a brief talk about the way she felt about the Freedom Riders. She said that she now thinks that things will change for the Negroes and they will be given more rights.

A boy about 19 years old stood up and talked a few minutes. He told how he belonged to a group of students called the Student Peace Unit. He said that it originated in Chicago and that they now have about 3,000 members.

There was another boy there who said his name was Bob Speck and that he was 17 years old. He's from Texas, but is not connected with News and Letters. He told how he was arrested several times in connection with integration. He said that in one jail in Texas he was beat up by the guards and that in doing this they inticed the other prisoners to beat him up and that when he got out of jail, he filed a complaint with the FBI against the Guards.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/29/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-389)

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN VIRGINIA WORKSHOP  
RACIAL MATTER.

(OO: Richmond) *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

Re Richmond airtel to Bureau 8/29/61, captioned  
"CORE, NORTHERN VIRGINIA WORKSHOP, RACIAL MATTER."

Files of the Los Angeles Office contain no  
subversive information regarding [REDACTED]

A review of Los Angeles files reveals the following:

A newspaper photo and item from the "California Eagle" of 6/29/61 (Negro weekly newspaper) depicts a BILL GREENE as leader of a group of Freedom Riders scheduled to journey to Mississippi on 7/12/61. GREENE was described in the article as a member of CORE who will be discharged from the Air Force 7/7/61.

An item from the "People's World" (a West Coast weekly communist newspaper) of 7/15/61, tells of a group of Freedom Riders sponsored by the 2nd Baptist Church, Los Angeles, leaving Los Angeles on 7/12/61 for the South. The article states, "A man who wanted to make the trip but did not was WILLIAM GREEN, just discharged from the armed services. GREEN had been selected by the Congress of Racial Equality to serve as Freedom Ride coordinator in this area."

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

MEMBER  
Transmitted herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted] Nashville Christian Leadership Council (NCLC), Nashville, Tennessee, on 9/25/61 by SA [redacted]. This information is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

Enclosed for the New Orleans Office is one copy of the above-mentioned letterhead memorandum for information purposes.

No dissemination is being made to intelligence agencies on a local level inasmuch there is no indication of any specific activity to be engaged in at this time.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Memphis, Tennessee  
September 26, 1961

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RE: FREEDOM RIDERS  
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 25, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, advised that the various organizations sponsoring the Freedom Rides to Jackson, Mississippi, are in bad financial straits as a result of the trials, the bonds, and the fines which are having to be paid in Jackson. [redacted] stated that the attorneys for the Freedom Riders have advised them that if the cases are taken through the courts to the last court in Mississippi and from there to Federal Court, it will cost approximately one million dollars or more. He stated that they do not have this kind of money and it looks as if they will have to drop the appeals. He stated that this will mean that the fines levied on the Freedom Riders will have to be paid which, in itself, will be a severe financial strain on the various groups involved and also mean that the participants in the Freedom Rides will have to serve time in the Hines County Jail or at the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi.

[redacted] stated that he feels that there is a possibility that the State would drop the cases now that the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has ruled that the bus lines have to maintain nonsegregated facilities in their terminals and that he considers this to be a victory for the Freedom Riders. He stated, however, that from a legal standpoint the State of Mississippi would not have to drop the cases and, therefore, the situation would be unchanged. He stated that they realized now that they sent too many people to Jackson, Mississippi; that they should have only used the first groups as a test case rather than having so many cases on which they would have to pay fines.

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## FREEDOM RIDERS

In further discussing some of the various aspects of the Freedom Rides [redacted] pointed out that efforts are being made in Nashville, Tennessee, to have Tennessee A&I State University, a Negro school, reinstate 14 of the A&I students who were dismissed from the school in May of 1961 because of their participation in the Freedom Rides. He stated that the school authorities have refused to reconsider the cases and stated that even though the students are continuing to demonstrate at the school and in Nashville, Tennessee, the demonstrations do not appear to be bearing any fruit. He stated that insofar as he knows the State school authorities will not change their stand on the issue nor will Governor Ellington. He stated that there is some hope that the fact that the ICC has ruled that the bus facilities will have to be desegregated may give the school authorities an excuse to change their ruling; however, he stated that this appears to be a dim possibility. He also stated that attorneys have been consulted relative to taking the case of these 14 students to Federal Court in an effort to have a court order issued that the school should reinstate them. He stated, however, that no effort has been made by the attorneys to actually take the case to court at this time.

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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

No FR tried in Hinds County Court, 9/29/61. JAMES LUTHER BEVEL released on appeal bond from Hinds County Jail, 9/29/61. the two Episcopal clergy- men FR who had remained in jail were released on appeal bonds from Jackson City Jail 9/29/61.

Following is summary as of 4 PM 9/29/61:

No FR arrested at Jackson since 9/28/61 summary. Total arrested 294. Released on bond from Municipal Court 296. Released on bond from Hinds County Court 14. Paid fines 24. Released to attorney 1. Released on probation 4. Released as charges dismissed 1. Released on expiration sentence 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4. Confined to Jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal 2. Net in custody 13. All FR eating at Hinds County Jail. No FR remaining in Jackson City Jail.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS, *Freedom Release Misc*  
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Remy airtel 9/26/61.

Three judge court in session 9/27/61 at Jackson, Miss., concluded hearing of witnesses. Court will hear final argument 9/28/61 and presiding judge, RICHARD I. RIEVES, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Montgomery, Ala., advised council the court could not render decision in less than ten days.

No FR tried Hinds County Court 9/27/61.

Following is summary as of 5:00 PM 9/27/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since 9/26 summary. Total arrested, 312; released on bond from Hinds County Court, 13; paid fines, 24; released to attorney, 1; released on probation, 4; released as charges dismissed, 1; released on expiration sentence, 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court, 4. Confined to jail in lieu of bond after withdrawing appeal, 2. Not in Custody, 15. All FR eating at Hinds County and Jackson City Jails.

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From: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

Re: FREEBUS 0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

No FR tried in Hinds County Court 9/30/61.

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FRs arrested or released at Jackson since 9/29/61 .....	None
Total arrested .....	312
Released on bond from Municipal Court .....	296
Released on bond from Hinds County Court .....	14
Paid Fines .....	24
Released to Attorney .....	1
Released on probation .....	4
Released <del>on</del> charges dismissed.....	1
Released on expiration of sentence .....	1
Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds Co. Court..	4
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Net in custody.....	13

All FRs prisoners eating at Hinds County Jail.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Three judge federal court in session today at Jackson, Miss. Heard closing oral arguments, then recessed until further notice. Court advised attorneys they would have 20 days to file additional briefs and court would render opinion sometime after that 20-day period.

No FR tried in Hinds County Court today.

Following is summary as of 4 p.m., September 28:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson since September 27 summary. Total arrested, 312. Released on bond from municipal court, 294. Released on bond from Hinds County Court, 13. Paid fines, 24. Released to attorney, 1. Released on probation, 4. Released as charges dismissed, 1. Released on expiration sentence, 1. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court, 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal, 2. Net in custody, 15. All FR eating in Hinds County Jail and Jackson City Jail.

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Re Newark airtel 9/28/61 with accompanying letterhead memorandum captioned "Free Bus."

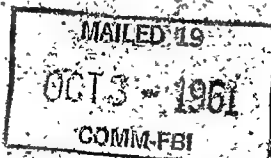
The caption of referenced letterhead memorandum has been changed at the Bureau to "Freedom Riders" prior to dissemination. Both offices should correct copies in their files.

In the future the code word used within the Bureau for such matters should not be set forth in a letterhead memorandum for dissemination.

1 - Memphis (157-140) (For information)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

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OO: MEMPHISAgency *Lawrence*  
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Re Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 8/23/61.

Enclosed are eight copies to the Bureau and two  
copies to Memphis of a letterhead memorandum pertaining  
to  Newark, New Jersey,  
in whose name telephone Number  is listed.According to referenced letter, this number was  
called on 5/27/61 from the office of the Student Central  
Committee, 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee.The confidential sources referred to in the  
enclosed memorandum are identified as follows:NK T-1 is NK T-2 is b2  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Newark, New Jersey

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FREEDOM RIDERS

On September 7, 1961, NK T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that telephone number [redacted] had been listed to [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, but that this telephone was disconnected on August 2, 1961.

On February 1, 1954 Newark T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 3, 1954 Paul Robeson held a musical concert at the Galilee Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, and that programs distributed at this concert listed the Reverend and Mrs. R. P. Means among the patrons.

In June, 1950, Newark T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Paul Robeson was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed communist.

A newspaper article captioned "Carlin Asks Open Mind", which appeared in the September 5, 1954 issue of the "Evening News", a Newark, New Jersey, daily newspaper, reflects that on September 4, 1954 Reverend Raphus P. Means, Pastor of the Abyssinia Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, presided as chairman at a meeting of a group known as the "Citizens Committee Against Police Brutality", (CCAPB).

Newark T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 31, 1954 that the "Citizens Committee Against Police Brutality" came into being on

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August 30, 1954 at Newark, New Jersey, and was formed as a result of alleged brutality by members of the Newark, New Jersey Police Department during the arrest of [redacted] on August 23, 1954.

Newark T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 28, 1955 that [redacted] was at that time a member of the Communist Party.

Newark T-4, mentioned previously, advised on July 1, 1955 that the CCAPB was no longer in existence. He stated further that from its inception, the CCAPB was dominated and controlled by members of the Communist Party.

On September 28, 1951 Newark T-4, mentioned previously, advised that [redacted] had been substituted as an Essex County, New Jersey freeholder candidate for [redacted] when it was realized that [redacted] had signed a Communist Party nominating petition in 1948.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9-25-61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/11 - 9/18/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI JUNE 20, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>rc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 7/25/61 at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the United States Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until January 8, 1962 at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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Date: September 25, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: NO 157-310

BUFILE: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 20, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Freedom Riders in this group released on \$500 cash appeal  
bonds returnable Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. 8/14/61  
on dates indicated: [redacted] 7/11/61; [redacted]  
[redacted] 7/11/61; [redacted] 7/19/61.  
The following all released on bond 7/28/61: [redacted]

The above individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, 8/14/61. Arraigned on breach of peace charge. All entered not guilty pleas. Court then set date of trials commencing 9/20/61 with last trial scheduled for 1/8/62. [redacted] entered plea of nolo contendere in Hinds County Court 9/18/61. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail, was suspended and fined \$200, paid.

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DETAILS:

## AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On July 11, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 11, 1961 [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961.

On July 19, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY,

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advised that on July 19, 1961, [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961.

On July 28, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that the following Freedom Riders were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds on July 28, 1961. [REDACTED] advised that all of these bonds are returnable in Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Through their attorneys they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAMEDATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

September 20, 1961  
November 3, 1961  
November 14, 1961  
November 17, 1961  
November 21, 1961  
November 21, 1961  
November 30, 1961  
November 30, 1961  
December 1, 1961  
December 8, 1961  
December 15, 1961  
December 26, 1961  
January 3, 1962  
January 8, 1962

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On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of the photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints will be made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

On September 18, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. City of Jackson, advised that on September 18, 1961 Attorney [redacted] representing [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court in behalf of [redacted] and withdrew her previous not guilty plea to a breach of the peace charge and entered a plea ofnolo contendere to this charge on her behalf. [redacted] was not present, according to TRAVIS. The court sentenced [redacted] to 4 months in jail which was suspended and fined her \$200. [redacted] paid the \$200 fine on behalf of his client.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9/29/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/2 - 9/18/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Nashville, Tenn. to Jackson, Miss. 8/5/61</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lyc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

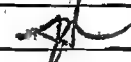
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Report of: **HUNTER E. HELGESON**

Office:

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Date: 9/29/61

File Number: NO 157-361

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
8/5/61b6  
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CIVIL RIGHTS  
Synopsis:

Freedom riders [redacted] aka.,  
[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] arrived on bus  
at Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss. at 1:20  
p.m., 8/5/61. Both entered colored waiting room of  
terminal. Were served at lunch counter in colored  
waiting room. Remained in colored waiting room until  
6 p.m. 8/5/61 when left terminal in private automobile.  
[redacted] observed in colored waiting room  
of ICRR Depot, Jackson, 9:38 p.m., 8/6/61. Remained  
there until 9:51 p.m. 8/6/61 when left to board train  
bound for New Orleans, La. Both arrived New Orleans,  
1:35 a.m., 8/7/61 via ICRR. [redacted]  
arrested 8/8/61 by New Orleans PD for disturbing  
handbills without a license. [redacted] departed New  
Orleans 8/12/61 enroute Rochester, N. Y. [redacted]  
departed New Orleans 8/12/61 enroute Chicago, Ill.  
On 9/7/61 [redacted] against [redacted] in New  
Orleans Municipal Court was continued.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon  
receipt of a communication from the Memphis Office on  
August 2, 1961 advising that [redacted]



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Nashville Christian Leadership Council. Nashville, Tennessee.  
advised that three Freedom Riders, [redacted]

[redacted] would leave Nashville about 11:30 p.m. on  
August 2, 1961 enroute Jackson, Mississippi.

By communication dated August 3 and 4, 1961 the  
Memphis Office advised the above Freedom Rider had been delayed.

By communication dated August 5, 1961 the Memphis  
Office advised that Freedom Riders [redacted]  
[redacted] departed Memphis, Tennessee at 8:00 a.m., August  
5, 1961 via Trailways Bus due to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi  
at 12:45 p.m. on August 5, 1961.

On August 5, 1961 the following individuals were ad-  
vised concerning this matter:

M. B. PIERCE, Chief of Detectives, Police  
Department, Jackson, Mississippi

DAVE GAYDEN, Chief, Mississippi Highway Safe  
Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson,  
Mississippi

[redacted] Trailways Bus  
Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi

[redacted] Resident Agent, CIC, Jackson,  
Mississippi

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 5, 1961:

At 1:20 PM, Bus #5707 arrived. [redacted] and a [redacted], later determined to be [redacted] got off this bus. [redacted] took [redacted] as they came off the bus. They walked directly to the colored waiting room of the bus terminal. They entered this waiting room and took seats at the lunch counter. A Negro waitress approached them and at 1:28 PM both [redacted] were served what appeared to be milk shakes. They remained at the counter until 1:43 PM, at which time they both went to a telephone booth in the colored waiting room and appeared to make a call. At 1:46 PM, they came out of the phone booth and sat down in chairs in the colored waiting room. At 1:51 PM, they went to the phone booth again and appeared to make another call. They returned to their chairs in the waiting room at 1:54 PM. They remained seated in the waiting room and were still seated there at 2:25 PM when SA HELGESON left the terminal.

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On 8/5/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-361

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah

Date dictated 8/7/61

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The following events were observed at the Trailways Bus Depot, 201 East Pascagoula Street, between the hours of 2:30 PM and 6:05 PM:

[redacted] and her [redacted] companion [redacted] were seated side by side in the colored waiting room of the depot. During the afternoon, they frequently changed their location in the colored waiting room. On at least one occasion both went to the lunch counter and were served without incident. Also during the afternoon the pair made frequent trips to the telephone booths to use the telephones. There were two uniformed policemen on duty in the colored waiting room and white newspaper reporters conversed with the pair on several occasions. Once during the early part of the afternoon [redacted] went to the ticket window and purchased two bus tickets for New Orleans, Louisiana. On another occasion [redacted] appeared on the scene and spoke to both newspaper reporters and to [redacted] At about 6:00 PM. [redacted]

[redacted] appeared at the bus depot in a 1957 Plymouth bearing 1961 Mississippi license [redacted] repaired to this vehicle and at 6:15 PM left the area of the bus depot with [redacted] No incidents of any type were observed throughout the afternoon.

On 8/5/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-361

by SA [redacted] /eah Date dictated 8/8/61

Date 8/10/61

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 6, 1961:

At 9:38 PM [redacted]  
[redacted] accompanied by [redacted]  
[redacted] CORE, Jackson, Mississippi, and four unidentified Negro males and one unidentified Negro female were observed near the ticket counter of the colored waiting room. At 9:45 PM, the group took chairs in the waiting room. At 9:51 PM, they walked to the train platform. [redacted] did not accompany the group. After arriving on the platform, the group began singing in low tones. At 10:09 PM, [redacted] boarded Car #2632 of the ICRR train bound for New Orleans. The others in the group then left the platform. This train left the station at 10:33 PM.

On 8/6/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-361  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 8/7/61

Date 8/8/61

The following observations were made at the Union Passenger Terminal, New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 7, 1961:

At 1:35 a.m., Illinois Central Railroad train "City of New Orleans" arrived at the passenger terminal, and [redacted]

[redacted] alighted from the train and were met by [redacted] of the New Orleans chapter of CONGRESS ON RACIAL EQUALITY. They walked down the train platform and when they reached the terminal building, they walked out to the street and departed in a private automobile. They did not enter the station where the waiting rooms and lunch counters are located.

On 8/7/61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-361

by SA Joseph E. Presley/ eo Date dictated 8/7/61

Date 8/11/61

Sergeant [redacted] of the New Orleans Police Department stated that at 10 A.M. August 7, 1961 [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] from New Orleans purchased train tickets from Illinois Central Railroad for traveling from New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson Mississippi and the three of them entered the Negro lunchroom at the Union Passenger Terminal where they were served and from there they went to the White lunchroom at the terminal where they were also served. Then they went and sat in the White waiting room at the terminal. They were not arrested and no incidents occurred.

On 8/7/61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-361  
by SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY /cjo Date dictated 8/11/61



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On September 18, 1961 Captain [redacted]  
New Orleans, Louisiana Police Department, advised SA JOSEPH  
E. PRESLEY that [redacted]

[redacted] were arrested by Sergeant [redacted] New Orleans Police  
Department on August 8, 1961 for distributing handbills  
without a license. On September 7, 1961 their cases were  
continued in New Orleans Municipal Court according to [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive  
data:

Name  
New Orleans PD #  
Race  
Sex  
DOB  
Address  
Height  
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Hair  
Eyes

[redacted]  
[redacted] New Orleans

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New Orleans PD #  
Race  
Sex  
DOB  
Address  
Hair  
Eyes  
Height  
Weight  
Miscellaneous

[redacted]  
[redacted] New Orleans  
[redacted]

On August 12, 1961 EDWARD BLANKENHEIM, Field  
Secretary, Congress of Racial Equality, New Orleans,  
Louisiana, advised SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY that [redacted]  
[redacted] departed New Orleans at 8:00 p.m. on August 12,  
1961 enroute to Rochester, New York and that [redacted] g  
[redacted] departed New Orleans at 8:15 p.m. enroute  
to Chicago, Illinois, both traveling via Greyhound bus.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>9/28/61</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/15/61 - 9/7/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:44 P.M. JUNE 2, 1961</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>tal</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM - CR</b>	

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Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated June 8, 1961, at New Orleans.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the United States Attorney in Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until January 17, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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9/28/61

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 6:44 P.M., JUNE 2, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Freedom Riders [redacted] transferred from jails at Jackson, Miss., to MSP, Parchman, on 6/15/61. [redacted] transferred to MSP, Parchman, on 6/23/61. Freedom Riders in this group released on bond on dates indicated: [redacted] 6/19/61; [redacted] 6/24/61; [redacted] 6/28/61; [redacted] and [redacted] 7/11/61. [redacted] released on expiration of sentence on 8/11/61. On 6/17/61 [redacted] filed an application for writ of habeas corpus in U. S. District Court, Jackson, Miss., which was denied. Denial of her application appealed to U. S. Circuit Court on 7/14/61. On 8/25/61 appeal was withdrawn. Freedom Riders [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, 8/14/61. Were arraigned on charge of Breach of Peace and entered not guilty plea. Court set date for individual trials commencing 10/24/61 with last trial scheduled for 1/17/62.

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Details:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On June 15, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that the following Freedom Riders were transferred from the jails at Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961: [redacted]

On June 23, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised

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that [redacted] were transferred from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, on June 23, 1961.

On June 19, 1961, Sheriff GILFOY advised that on June 19, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500.00 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961.

On June 24, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on June 24, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961.

On June 28, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that on June 28, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961.

On July 11, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on July 11, 1961, [redacted] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961.

On August 11, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 11, 1961, [redacted] was released upon the expiration of her sentence.

On September 7, 1961, [redacted] Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Jackson, Mississippi, advised their records reflect as follows:

On June 17, 1961, [redacted] through her Attorney, WILLIAM M. KUNSTLER, New York, New York, filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus. This writ filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 2254, Title 28, United States Code. On June 29, 1961, United States District Judge S. C. MIZE issued an order denying [redacted] application for a writ of habeas corpus. On June 30, 1961, [redacted] filed a motion for a Certificate of Probable Cause in order to appeal from the denial of her writ of habeas corpus. On July 6, 1961, United States District Judge MIZE issued an order overruling the motion for the issuance of a Certificate of Probable Cause. On July 11, 1961, the Honorable JOHN MINOR WISDOM, United States

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Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, issued an order certifying that there exists probable cause for the appeal from the denial by the United States District Court of [redacted] petition for a writ of habeas corpus. On July 14, 1961, a Notice of Appeal on behalf of [redacted] was filed in United States District Court, appealing from an order denying her application for a writ of habeas corpus.

On August 25, 1961, an order was filed in United States District Court, Jackson, granting [redacted] application to withdraw her Notice of Appeal on the ground "... that her release from confinement has made her application for a writ of habeas corpus moot..."

On August 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of Breach of the Peace. Through their attorneys they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

[redacted]
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October 24, 1961  
December 5, 1961  
December 6, 1961  
December 19, 1961  
January 17, 1962.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>9-25-61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/19 - 9/8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS # 5708 FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 6/7/61</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>rc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 6/20/61 at  
New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until December 18, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office, at that time, will report the results of these trials.

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with regard to the receipt of these funds.  
Conrad's family, including his wife, Mrs. Conrad, is now residing at 1234 5th Avenue, New York, New York. The New Orleans office is at this time  
conducting an investigation into the matter and has requested that you make every effort to locate the funds and return them to the New Orleans office as soon as possible. It is requested that you keep the New Orleans office advised of any developments in this matter.

Enclosed for the New Orleans office are two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. The New Orleans office is requested to conduct an investigation into the matter and to report the results thereof to the New York office as soon as possible.

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SUBJECT  
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1968  
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: September 25, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO(157-291)

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5708 FROM  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
6/7/61

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

On 6/15/61 the following Freedom Riders transferred from jails at Jackson, Miss. to MSP, Parchman, Miss.:

[redacted] transferred from Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Miss. to MSP, Parchman on 6/23/61. Freedom Riders this group released on bond on dates indicated: [redacted] 6/19/61 [redacted] 6/19/61; [redacted] 6/24/61; [redacted] 6/24/61 [redacted] 6/24/61; [redacted] 7/15/61. All above listed individuals appeared Hinds County Court, Jackson, on 8/14/61. Were arraigned on charge of breach of peace. Entered pleas of not guilty. Court set dates for their trials commencing October 16, 1961 with last trial scheduled for December 18, 1961.

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DETAILS:

On June 15, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFORD, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi advised that on June 15, 1961 the following individuals were transferred from the jails at Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi:



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[REDACTED]

On June 23, 1961 Sheriff GILFORD advised that on June 23, 1961 [REDACTED] was transferred from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi.

On June 19, 1961 Sheriff GILFORD advised that on June 19, 1961 [REDACTED] were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court August 14, 1961.

On June 24, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on June 24, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, all returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On July 15, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on July 15, 1961 [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILIAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Through their attorneys, all entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trials as indicated below:

NAMEDATE OF TRIAL

[REDACTED]

October 16, 1961  
October 10, 1961  
November 2, 1961  
December 5, 1961  
December 15, 1961  
December 18, 1961

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On September 8, 1961 Captain [REDACTED]  
Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson,  
Mississippi made available negatives of photographs of all  
Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from  
these negatives and photographs will be maintained in the  
New Orleans file.

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 UC BAU/SAB/HJS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 9/25/61

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-88)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
June 23, 1961  
RM - CR

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

OO: New Orleans

Re New Orleans letter to Memphis, dated 8/31/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above. Enclosed for the New Orleans office is one copy of instant letterhead memorandum.

It is to be noted that the information concerning [redacted] mentioned on Page 14 of Cincinnati letter to Bureau, dated 9/6/61, captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS, INFORMATION CONCERNING," was not set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum because it appeared to be redundant and, therefore, unnecessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
June 23, 1961

The files of the San Antonio Division of the FBI fail to contain any information identifiable with [REDACTED] EARNEST L. HARRISON, or WILLIE BLANCHE HARRISON.

EARNEST L. HARRISON

On September 14, 1961, [REDACTED] San Antonio Retail Merchants Association, advised that records of that concern indicate that EARNEST L. HARRISON, age 51, and wife, WILLIE B., have been on record there since May of 1948. Their present address is recorded as 113 APPROX 1910 Lincolnshire. This record was checked up in January, 1961, and reflected that they owed one account, a balance of \$62.91, and were three payments in arrears. All other accounts have been handled in a satisfactory manner. This record reflected that EARNEST L. HARRISON is a Master Sergeant at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, having been in the military service for 15 years. In May, 1948, their address was 138 Arson Street. This was the only former address in the record.

[REDACTED] advised that the files contain no separate record for WILLIE BLANCHE HARRISON, and no record for [REDACTED]

On September 14, 1961, a search of the arrest records of the Identification Division of the San Antonio Police Department failed to disclose any record identifiable with [REDACTED] EARNEST L. HARRISON, or

MRS. WILLIE BLANCHE HARRISON.

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MRS. WILLIE B. HARRISON.

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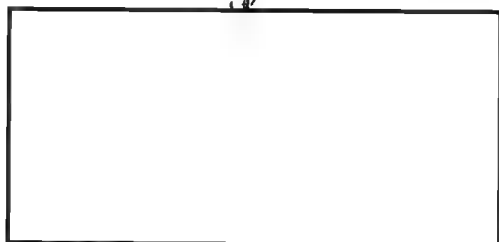
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (1570264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*0 FREEDOM RIDERS-MISCELLANEOUS*

*MISS.* *MISS.*  
FRs [redacted] and [redacted] tried  
today in Hinds County Court. Both entered pleas of not guilty,  
were convicted and sentenced to serve 4 months and pay \$200 fine.  
Both released on \$1,500 cash bond today.

Following FRs convicted today in Hinds County Court  
after entering nolo contendere pleas and each fined \$200 and  
given 4 months suspended sentence:

*MISS.*

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/2/61:

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No FRs arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since 10/1/61 summary.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 16.

Paid fines - 30.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 13.

All FRs eating at Hinds County Jail.

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Date: 10/2/61

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

No FR's tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, 10/1/61.

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/1/61:

No FRs arrested or released at Jackson since 9/30/61  
summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 14.

Paid fines - 24.

Released to Attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds Cty. Crt.-4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appeal - 2.

Net in custody 13. REC-46  
All FR's eating at Hinds County Jail.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi July 21, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders, Misc.</i>		Report made by <b>HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>lil</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/11/61, at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event that the Bureau instructs a copy be furnished the USA, Jackson, Miss.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until 4/30/62, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials and will also report disposition of [redacted] who is due to be released from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss., on 1/27/62.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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## Copy to:

Report of: HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 9/27/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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File Number: NO 157-351

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus  
Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 21, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted], released on \$500 cash appeal bond, 8/18/61. [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, 8/29/61. [redacted] arraigned in Hinds County Court, 9/11/61, on breach of peace charges. All entered pleas of not guilty. Dates for their trials set commencing 3/12/62 with last trial scheduled 4/30/62. [redacted] confined to MSP, Parchman, Miss., as of 9/19/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On August 21, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 18, 1961, [redacted] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961.

On August 29, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on August 29, 1961, [redacted] were released

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on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on September 11, 1961.

On September 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 11, 1961, the following individuals appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorneys. The court then set the dates of their trials as indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Trial</u>
[REDACTED]	March 12, 1962
	March 19, 1962
	April 30, 1962

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On September 19, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [REDACTED] was still confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, as of September 19, 1961. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is due to be released from Mississippi State Penitentiary, January 27, 1962, on expiration of his sentence.

On September 8, 1961, Captain [REDACTED] Jackson Police Department, made available negatives of photographs of the Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the files of the New Orleans Office.



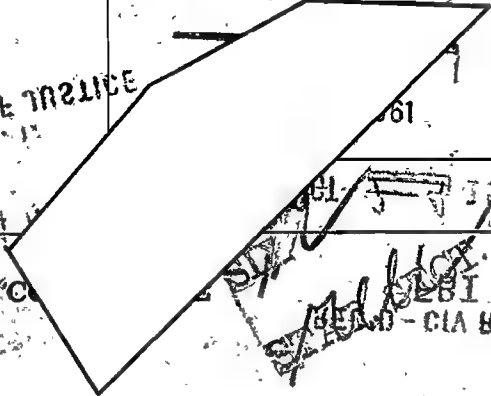
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961          ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD          NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO          JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI          JUNE 25, 1961</b>  <i>Freedom Riders Misc.</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>rc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE        <b>RM; CR</b>	

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 7/26/61 at New Orleans.

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until January 19, 1962, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: September 28, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: NO 157-318

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
Character: JUNE 25, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTSSynopsis: Freedom Riders in this group released on \$500 cash  
appeal bonds returnable Hinds County Court. 8/14/61 on  
dates indicated: FRANK JOHNSON, [redacted][redacted] on 7/19/61; [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] on 7/26/61; [redacted] on 7/28/61; [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] on 8/4/61; [redacted] on 8/5/61; [redacted]  
[redacted] on 8/8/61.All Freedom Riders in this group with exception of [redacted]  
[redacted] appeared in Hinds County  
Court, Jackson, Miss. on 8/14/61. Were arraigned on  
breach of peace charge and entered plea of not guilty.  
Court set trial dates for individuals in this group,  
commencing 9/15/61 with last trial scheduled for 1/19/62.  
Appeal bond for [redacted]  
ordered forfeited [redacted] failed to appear Hinds County  
Court 9/15/61 for trial and trial postponed until  
March 1962 term of Hinds County Court. [redacted]  
tried and convicted in Hinds County Court 9/18/61 on  
breach of peace charge. Sentenced to 4 months jail and  
fined \$200. Was confined to Hinds County Jail in lieu  
of bond.

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DETAILS:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On July 19, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, advised that the following individuals were released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on July 19, 1961. According to GILFOY these bonds are returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961:

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FRANK \*JOHNSON

[REDACTED]

On July 26, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised the following individuals were released on July 25, 1961 on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, August 14, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On July 28, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [REDACTED] was released on July 28, 1961 on a \$500 cash appeal bond, returnable in Hinds County Court August 14, 1961.

On August 4, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that on August 4, 1961 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961:

[REDACTED]

On August 5, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office advised that on August 5, 1961 [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court August 14, 1961.

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On August 8, 1961 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that the following individuals were released on August 8, 1961 on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court August 14, 1961:



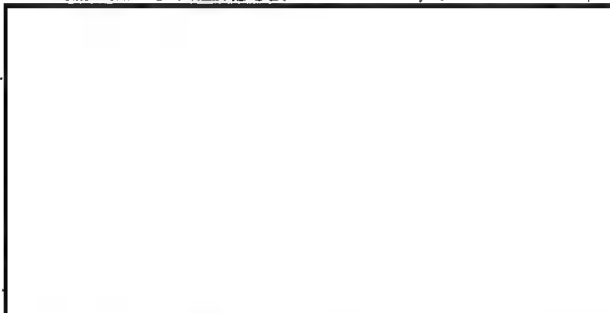
On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961. They were all arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The Court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

Name

Date of Trial



FRANK JOHNSON



January 18, 1962  
September 15, 1961  
September 18, 1961  
January 19, 1962  
October 20, 1961  
October 23, 1961  
October 30, 1961  
October 31, 1961  
November 3, 1961  
November 13, 1961  
November 10, 1961  
November 16, 1961  
January 19, 1962  
December 7, 1961  
December 8, 1961  
December 22, 1961  
January 2, 1962

On August 14, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [redacted] failed to respond when their names were called at arraignment at Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961. The Court

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then issued an order to show cause why their appeal bonds should not be declared forfeited.

On September 13, 1961 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] who had been previously released on an appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court on August 14, 1961, again failed to appear for arraignment on September 11, 1961. The Court then ordered their appeal bonds forfeited.

On September 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney's Assistant, [redacted] City of Jackson, advised that [redacted] failed to appear in Hinds County Court on September 15, 1961 for trial as scheduled. The Court ordered that her trial be postponed until the March 1962 term of Hinds County Court.

On September 18, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that on September 18, 1961 [redacted] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson. He was tried and convicted on a charge of breach of the peace and sentenced the same date to four months in jail and fined \$200. He was confined to the Hinds County Jail in lieu of bond.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available negatives of photographs of all Freedom Riders in this group. Prints will be made from these negatives and the photographs will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

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Date: 10/4/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders -*  
*MISCELLANEOUS*

*9/1* No FR trials held 10/4/61, at Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi.

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/4/61:

No FRs arrested or released at Jackson, Miss., since 10/3/61 summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 17.

Paid fines - 30.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 13. All FRs eating at Hinds County Jail

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

○ FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

FR [ ] tried today in Hinds County Court and convicted after entering not guilty plea. [ ] sentenced to serve 4 months and pay \$200 fine and was released upon posting \$1,500 cash appeal bond.

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/3/61:

No FRs arrested at Jackson, Miss. since 10/2/61 summary.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 17.

Paid fines - 30.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 1.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 13. All FRs eating at Hinds Cty. Jail.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: October 4, 1961

FROM : *CEK/k* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-76)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

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*0* FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re Memphis let to Bureau, 8/23/61.

Toll call to Cleveland, Ohio, phone number  
[redacted] Telephone number [redacted] is listed to

[redacted] Cleveland

Ohio. Cleveland files reflect that [redacted]  
name has been mentioned several times in Communist Party  
discussions as a person who might be called on for support  
in Negro matters in which the Communist Party was interested.  
Cleveland files contain no information indicating subversive  
activity on [redacted] part.

Toll call to Cleveland, Ohio, phone number  
[redacted] Telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland files reflect [redacted] of a group known  
as the Cleveland Freedom Fighters, submitted a telegram to  
United States Attorney ROBERT F. KENNEDY indicating the  
Cleveland group of Freedom Fighters was most interested in  
racial violence in the State of Alabama. Cleveland files  
contain no information indicating any subversive activity on  
[redacted] part.

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Date: 10/6/61

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-372~~)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUSNo FR trials held 10/6/61, Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Miss.No summary is being set out below in view of above,  
and summary submitted 10/4/61 still applicable.

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TITLE OF CASE FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Delta Airlines Flight #411 Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 24, 1961  <i>Freedom Riders, Misc.</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 8/18/61 at New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the New Orleans Office until December 26, 1961, at which time all Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to have been tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi. The New Orleans Office at that time will report the results of these trials. *CS*

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: October 2, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-355

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b7cTitle: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight #411, Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi, July 24, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

and CECIL A. THOMAS arraigned in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61 on breach of peace charges. Entered pleas of NG. Court set dates for their trials commencing 11/28/61 with last trial scheduled for 12/26/61.

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DETAILS:AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that the following Freedom Riders appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were all arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. All entered pleas of not guilty to this charge through their attorneys. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAMEDATE OF TRIAL[REDACTED]  
CECIL A. THOMASNovember 28, 1961  
November 29, 1961  
November 29, 1961  
December 26, 1961

PENSACOLA, FLA

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On September 8, 1961 Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, made available negative of photographs of all of the Freedom Riders in this group. Prints are being made from these negatives and will be maintained in the New Orleans file.

By communication dated August 30, 1961 the Jacksonville Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Pensacola, Florida on August 1, 1961:

The 1961 edition of the Pensacola City Directory contains the following listings:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Under the cross reference of the streets the occupant of [redacted] is shown as [redacted] no occupation listed. No [redacted] were listed in the [redacted] block of [redacted]

[redacted] Juvenile Division, Court of Record, advised that [redacted] was never officially referred to that court, but at 11:15 P. M., on December 4, 1959, he was arrested by the Police Department when he and three other Negro boys started running from the officers as they approached. When they were run down, all told different stories about what they had been doing and the officers referred them to the juvenile division where they were interviewed at which time they indicated they were being chased by a group of white boys which accounted for their being on the street. He gave his full name as [redacted] and showed his mother as [redacted]

[redacted] No official charges were made against him, and he was released.



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[redacted] Identification Division, Police Department, and [redacted] Records Office, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, advised they have no records identifiable with [redacted] but they pointed out that no records are maintained of juveniles.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Pensacola, Inc., advised [redacted] has been known to the files since October, 1947. As of January, 1961, he was listed as living at [redacted] with [redacted] His employment for the past three years was [redacted] AME Zion Church, 528 McKinley Court, Montgomery, Alabama. On interview by a credit representative at Montgomery, he reported he was [redacted] Ebenezer Zion Church at [redacted] per month with a permanent residence in Pensacola, Florida for 23 years. He indicated he had two residences in Pensacola and had one rented out for which he was receiving [redacted] per month rental. The file shows that on January 30, 1961 a mortgage of [redacted] was placed on property located at [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Tallahassee, Florida, on August 16, 1961:

On August 16, 1961 [redacted] Florida A & M University, advised [redacted] has been a student at that institution from September 29, 1960 until June, 1961, residing [redacted] on campus, a student dormitory. Her home address was listed as [redacted] Pensacola, Florida, and her nearest relative listed as [redacted] [redacted] holds a student No. [redacted] She is presently a junior at Florida A & M.

Credit and arrest record checks at Tallahassee, Florida same date negative as to [redacted]

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/2/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/31-9/11/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961; JAMES ROBERT WAHLSTROM; GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI JULY 31, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders, Misc.</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCE


Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 8/31/61 at  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: October 2, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-360

Bureau File No.: 157-387-~~1012~~Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961; [REDACTED]  
GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 31, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] released on appeal bond 8/31/61.  
[REDACTED] appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
9/11/61 and entered plea of nolo contendere to two charges  
of breach of the peace, was sentenced to four months in  
jail suspended on each charge and fined \$200 on each charge.  
[REDACTED] released after payment of fine 9/11/61.

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DETAILS:

On August 31, 1961 Deputy FRED PICKETT, Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that on August 31, 1961 [REDACTED]  
was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds  
County Court, Jackson, Miss., on 9/11/61.

On September 11, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney  
J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] appeared for trial  
in Hinds County Court, Jackson, September 11, 1961 on two  
charges of breach of the peace inasmuch as [REDACTED] was a  
Freedom Rider who had been arrested on this charge on two  
separate occasions. Mr. TRAVIS advised that on September 11,  
1961 [REDACTED] entered a plea of nolo contendere to both charges.

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He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to four months in jail suspended on each charge and fined \$200.00 on each charge. Mr. TRAVIS pointed out that the total fine received by [REDACTED] was \$400 and the total suspended sentence received was eight months. He said that [REDACTED] was released on September 11, 1961 after paying the \$400 fine.

On September 8, 1961 Captain [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available the negative of a photograph of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This negative is being copied and the prints will be retained in the New Orleans file.

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-07-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/3/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-493)

SUBJECT: *Freedom Riders - Misc*  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
5:30 AM, JUNE 9, 1961  
RM; CR

(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans let to Boston, 9/12/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Relet furnished the identity of freedom riders who were arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department on June 9, 1961, and instructed offices receiving copies of relet to check indices, credit and criminal records on those riders residing or working in their respective territories.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 9/25/61, and records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, reviewed by IC [redacted] on 9/27/61, reflected no additional information concerning [redacted]

Records of BSS, NYCPD, concerning [redacted] were reviewed by SA DAVID G. JENKINS on 7/8/60.

Sources mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

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By [redacted]

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NY T-2

[REDACTED]  
(by request)

The sources used in the characterization of the  
EUGENE V. DEBS Society, in the order utilized, are:

[REDACTED]  
The sources utilized in the characterization of  
the Young Socialist League (YSL) are:

[REDACTED]  
The sources used in the characterization of the  
Socialist Youth League (SYL) are:

[REDACTED]





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York  
October 3, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad Train Number 205  
Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi  
5:30 a.m., June 9, 1961

The following individual was among a group of  
freedom riders who were arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, on  
June 9, 1961, by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department:

[redacted] Jackson Police Department Number [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York. [redacted]  
age [redacted] Born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York.  
Height - [redacted] feet [redacted] inches. Weight [redacted] pounds. [redacted] eyes.  
[redacted] hair. [redacted] complexion. Occupation - student, Cornell  
University. Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] Marital status -  
[redacted] Education - four years college, two years graduate  
at Cornell University. Admits picketing, New York City  
(Woolworth's), 1960.

On February 4, 1959, NY T-1, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that one [redacted]  
[redacted] was [redacted] of the Eugene V. Debs Society  
at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, for the Fall, 1958.

On June 24, 1959, NY T-1 advised that one [redacted]  
[redacted] was a member of the Eugene V. Debs Society at  
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York for the Spring term,  
1959.

On June 14, 1960, [redacted]  
General Post Office, 33rd Street and Eighth Avenue, New York  
City, advised that [redacted] Brooklyn,  
New York, was then employed as [redacted] was [redacted]  
[redacted] and had resided at [redacted] Brooklyn,  
New York, from February, 1942 to January, 1945.

On June 29, 1960, NY T-2 who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, [redacted]

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Freedom Ride, 1961  
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[redacted] in 1931, was issued International Workers  
Order (IWO) certificate number [redacted] in IWO Lodge number 9  
in February, 1946, and was expelled from the IWO in [redacted]  
[redacted]

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney  
General of the United States pursuant to Executive  
Order 10450 [redacted]

On July 8, 1960, records of the Bureau of Special  
Services, New York City Police Department, reflected that  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, signed  
page 302 of a Communist Party Nominating Petition in 1945  
on behalf of candidate, [redacted]

All confidential sources mentioned in the  
characterizations in the Appendix attached hereto have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX

EUGENE V. DEBS SOCIETY

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 7, 1957, that an application was made to Brooklyn College Faculty-Student Committee on Student Organizations for permission to organize a Eugene V. Debs Society at Brooklyn College. The purpose of the proposed organization was to further the ideas of democratic socialism, which necessarily implies opposition of all forms of totalitarianism and to treat current social, economic, and political events from a socialist point of view.

A confidential source advised on February 12, 1958, that [redacted] member of the Young Socialist League (YSL) National Executive Committee (NEC) stated during a plenum of the NEC held on February 1, 1958 and February 2, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, that the Brooklyn College Debs Club was an area of activity of YSL members.

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### YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of [redacted] which reflected that one [redacted] of SP (Socialist Party) [redacted] had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL.

## APPENDIX

### YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL) CONT'D.

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

## APPENDIX

### INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE (ISL) FORMERLY WORKERS PARTY (WP)

The May 4, 1942, issue of "Labor Action," then an official publication of the Workers Party (WP), carried an article which reflected that the WP was formed in April, 1940, as a result of a split within the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). The article stated that when the Hitler-Stalin Pact was signed and Poland invaded, the minority group within the SWP, in proclaiming the formation of the WP, condemned the pact as being imperialistic in nature and stated it would not support either imperialist camp.

The April 25, 1949, issue of "Labor Action" contained an account of the Fifth National Convention of the WP, held March 24-27, 1949, in New York City, which reflected the change of name of the organization from the WP to the Independent Socialist League (ISL) in order to emphasize the character of the group as a propaganda group for the spreading of socialist ideas and not as a full-fledged political party.

The July 14, 1958, issue of "Labor Action," an official publication of the ISL, contained an article captioned, "The ISL Program in Brief." The article indicated: "The ISL stands for socialist democracy and against the two systems of exploitation which now divide the world: capitalism and Stalinism. The ISL, as a Marxist movement, looks to the working class and its ever-present struggle as the basic progressive force in society. The ISL is organized to spread the ideas of socialism in the labor movement and among all other sections of the people. There can be no lasting and genuine democracy without socialism and there can be no socialism without democracy."

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



## APPENDIX

### SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE (SYL)

A confidential informant has advised that the Socialist Youth League (SYL) began in 1945 when several militant members of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL), the youth organization of the Socialist Party, accepted a proposal that they become affiliated with the Workers Party. The first issue of the group's newspaper, "Youth Action for Socialism," in October, 1945, contained an article which indicated that "...Only socialism can answer youth's needs for jobs, peace, education and a fuller life...Our organization is the only national revolutionary youth group in America."

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MEMORANDUM for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: Liaison Section

Subj: [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) FBI(Los Angeles) Conf memo of 18 Jul 1961, subj: FREEDOM  
RIDERS (Proposed Freedom Riders group leaving Santa Monica,  
California, on July 28, 1961)

1. Reference (a) contains information concerning one [REDACTED]  
who allegedly had served in the U. S. Navy.

2. The Chief of Naval Personnel has advised the Office of Naval  
Intelligence that [REDACTED] was given an honorable discharge from the  
U. S. Navy on [REDACTED] as of 22 January 1957, his home address  
was listed as [REDACTED]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Liaison Section

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